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KUALA LUMPUR, APRIL 8 (BERNAMA) — DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD HAS URGED THE FEDERATION OF MALAY STUDENTS' UNION (GPMS) TO STEP UP ITS EFFORTS IN PROVIDING TUITION TO NEEDY PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS.

HE SAID MALAY STUDENTS NEEDED A HIGHER STANDARD OF BASIC EDUCATION TO ENABLE THEM TO DO WELL IN HIGHER STUDIES.

DR. MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO THE EDUCATION MINISTER, SAID THIS IN A MESSAGE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE UNION'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT THE UNIVERSITI MALAYA HERE.

HE PRAISED THE UNION FOR THE CONTRIBUTIONS IT HAD MADE TO THE MALAYS SOCIETY DURING THE LAST 29 YEARS WHICH HAD BENEFITTED MANY MALAY STUDENTS.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER CALLED ON THE MALAYS TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE UNION TO ENABLE IT TO UNDERTAKE ITS ACTIVITIES SMOOTHLY. — BERNAMA MORE 1515/ZCM

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TRADE AND INDUSTRY MINISTER DATUK HAMZAH ABU SAMAH, IN HIS MESSAGE, HOPED THAT THE UNION WOULD STUDY THE POSSIBILITY OF PARTICIPATING IN BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY.

HE SAID THE UNION NEEDED A STRONG ECONOMIC FOOTING TO ENABLE IT TO CARRY OUT ITS ACTIVITIES SMOOTHLY.

THE MINISTER OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES, DATUK MUSA HITAM, HOPED THAT THE UNION WOULD CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS PREPARING FUTURE LEADERS.

THE NATION NEEDED LEADERS WHO WERE ABLE TO BALANCE ECONOMIC WITH MORAL DEVELOPMENT, HE ADDED. — BERNAMA 1516/ZCM