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KUALA LUMPUR, AUG. 9 (BERNAMA) — DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD STRESSED TODAY THAT THE OBJECTIVES OF THE NEW ECONOMIC POLICY COULD BE ACHIEVED SPEEDILY IF MORE STUDENTS SUCCEEDED IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

HE SAID THAT ONE OF THE MAIN FACTORS WHICH CONTRIBUTED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NATION WAS THE HIGH SUCCESS IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ACHIEVED THROUGH THE EDUCATION SYSTEM.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT GREATER PROGRESS IN BOTH FIELDS WAS IMPORTANT APART FROM EFFICIENT MANAGEMENT, EXPERTISE AND SUFFICIENT CAPITAL.

THEREFORE, HE ADDED, IT WAS IMPORTANT TO CREATE AWARENESS AMONG STUDENTS THAT GREAT ECONOMIC PROGRESS COULD BE ATTAINED WITH GREAT PROGRESS IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO THE EDUCATION MINISTER, WAS OPENING THE MALAYSIAN SECONDARY SCHOOLS SCIENCE EXHIBITION AT THE LANGUAGE INSTITUTE HERE. HIS SPEECH WAS READ BY HIS DEPUTY, ENCIK CHAN SIANG SUN. — BERNAMA MORE 1827/LK

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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID ALTHOUGH THE NUMBER OF RURAL STUDENTS IN THE SCIENCE STREAM HAD INCREASED, THEIR STANDARD OF ACHIEVEMENT IN EXAMINATIONS AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES WAS STILL UNSATISFACTORY.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD INTENSIFY THE TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR SCIENCE TEACHERS TO MEET THE NEED OF RURAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

EFFORTS TO OVERCOME THE SHORTAGE OF SCIENCE TEACHERS WERE BEING MADE BY TRAINING MORE SCIENCE TEACHERS IN THE LOCAL UNIVERSITIES BESIDES TEACHERS COLLEGES, HE SAID.

HE HOPED THAT TEACHERS WOULD EDUCATE THE PUPILS TO ADOPT A POSITIVE ATTITUDE AND BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION AS THE BASIS FOR ECONOMIC PROGRESS.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR POINTED OUT THAT PUPILS SHOULD BE EQUIPPED WITH THE BASIC SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE FROM THE LOWER LEVEL SO THAT THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO FOLLOW THE SUBJECT AT HIGHER LEVEL. —BERNAMA MORE 1833/LK

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HE ALSO URGED STUDENTS TO HAVE MORE DETERMINATION, INTEREST AND INITIATIVE BECAUSE SCIENTIFIC PROGRESS WAS THE RESULT OF SUCH QUALITIES.

HE REMINDED THEM OF THE IMPORTANCE OF OTHER SUBJECTS SUCH AS RELIGION, MORALS AND CIVIC CONSCIOUSNESS BESIDES PURSUING SUCCESS IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. — BERNAMA 1837/LK