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KOTA BHARU, APRIL 19 (BERNAMA) — DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD HAS URGED GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND PRIVATE FIRMS TO GIVE PREFERENCE TO SPORTS ENTHUSIASTS WHEN RECRUITING WORKERS.

HE SAID MANY COMPANIES WERE RELUCTANT TO TAKE ON SPORTS PEOPLE FOR FEAR THEY MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO CONCENTRATE ON THEIR JOBS.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER STRESSED THAT EVERYONE MUST CONTRIBUTE AND SACRIFICE A LITTLE TO RAISING THE COUNTRY'S NAME SPORTS.

+SPORTS IS AN IMPORTANT ACTIVITY IN OUR DAILY LIVES AS IT CAN HELP MOULD CHARACTER AND SOLIDARITY, AND A DISCIPLINED AND NATIONALISTIC PEOPLE,+ HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR WAS OPENING THE FOURTH UMNO YOUTH SPORTS FESTIVAL AT STADIUM SULTAN MOHAMED IV HERE LAST NIGHT. — BERNAMA
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HE SAID THAT SINCE MALAYSIA WAS LAGGING IN SPORTS WHEN COMPARED TO HER NEIGHBOURS, EVERY EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO PROVIDE SPORTS FACILITIES FOR WORKERS.

HE SAID THAT IN THIS AGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, THERE WERE FEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE PEOPLE TO BE INVOLVED IN PHYSICAL TRAINING AND THIS COULD OBSTRUCT EFFORTS TO FORGE A RUGGED SOCIETY.

ALSO PRESENT WERE KELANTAN MENTRI BESAR DATUK HAJI MOHAMED YAACOB, FINANCE MINISTER TENGGU RAZALEIGH HAMZAH, PERLIS MENTRI BESAR DATUK HAJI JAAFAR HASSAN AND UMNO YOUTH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

THE CEREMONY WAS ALSO WITNESSED BY A CROWD OF 30,000. — BERNAMA
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