

MAHATHIR-SHIPPING
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MALACCA, AUG. 15 (BERNAMA) — DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY MALAYSIA WAS EXPECTED TO PRODUCE ABOUT 14,400 TRAINED SEAMEN FROM THE RANKS OF SAILOR TO SHIP CAPTAINS IN THE 10 YEARS BETWEEN NOW AND 1990.

THIS WAS IN LINE WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S OBJECTIVE TO MAKE MALAYSIA AN ADVANCED COUNTRY EQUIPPED WITH THE VARIOUS FACILITIES AND CAPABILITIES IN LINE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THIS WHEN HE OPENED THE MALAYSIAN MARITIME ACADEMY AT TANJUNG DAHAN, SUNGAI KUALA SUNGAI BARU, ABOUT 51 KM FROM HERE.

HE SAID THE SHIPPING INDUSTRY IN THE COUNTRY HAD ACHIEVED A SATISFACTORY RATE OF DEVELOPMENT IN LINE WITH RAPID NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THIS INDUSTRY WOULD CONTINUE TO GROW IN LINE WITH THE OBJECTIVES AND ASPIRATIONS TO MAKE MALAYSIA A FULLY-EQUIPPED MARITIME NATION. — BERNAMA MORE 1750/YF

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THIS COULD BE ACHIEVED IN VIEW OF THE EXPANDING TRADE WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES AND THE RATE OF GROWTH IN THE AGRICULTURAL, INDUSTRIAL AND SERVICES SECTORS.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR STRESSED THAT IN THIS CONTEXT THE MALAYSIAN MARITIME ACADEMY HAD AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY IN PRODUCING THE VARIOUS CATEGORIES OF TRAINED MANPOWER NEEDED BY THE COUNTRY.

+THIS IS A BIG CHALLENGE NOT ONLY FOR THE ACADEMY BUT ALSO FOR YOUTHS, HE ADDED.

HE SAID THAT LOOKING AT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MODERN SHIPPING, IT WAS CLEAR THAT MALAYSIA WAS THE LATEST NATION TO ENTER THE INDUSTRY.

+INDIA, FOR EXAMPLE, STARTED THEIR SHIPPING SECTOR IN THE 1930S, INDONESIA IN THE 1940S AND SINGAPORE IN THE 1960S.

AS SUCH, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID, THE SHIPPING INDUSTRY IN THESE COUNTRIES WERE HIGHLY DEVELOPED AND HAD ALSO PROGRESSED MUCH IN THE FIELD OF SEAMEN TRAINING. — BERNAMA MORE 1800/YF

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THEREFORE, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID, MALAYSIA SHOULD STRIVE TO LAY A STRONG FOUNDATION TO ENSURE THAT IT ACHIEVED THE STATUS OF A MODERN MARITIME NATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

ON THE COURSES AT THE ACADEMY, HE SAID THAT COURSES ON MARINE ENGINEERING SHOULD ALSO BE CONDUCTED FOR SHIP ENGINEERS BESIDES TRAINING THEM IN THE USE OF MARINE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS, AND NAVIGATION AS WAS NOW THE CASE.

EARLIER, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MALAYSIAN TRAINING AND EDUCATION FOR SEAMEN (MATES) FOUNDATION, TENGGU TAN SRI NGAH MOHAMED, SAID A CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE WAS SET UP LAST YEAR TO DRAW UP POLICIES ON MARITIME TRAINING TO BE USED AS GUIDELINES FOR THE ACADEMY.

THE POLICIES ADOPTED BY THE MARITIME ACADEMY COULD BE CONSIDERED NATIONAL POLICIES ON MARITIME TRAINING AS THE ACADEMY WAS THE FOREMOST INSTITUTION IN THE COUNTRY FOR THE TRAINING OF MANPOWER FOR MERCHANT SHIPPING.

THE PRINCIPAL OF THE ACADEMY, SHEIKH OTHMAN AHMAD, SAID AN EXAMINATION BODY, KNOWN AS THE MALAYSIAN SHIPPING EXAMINATION BOARD, HAD BEEN SET UP WITH THE MARINE DEPARTMENT AS ITS SECRETARIAT. — BERNAMA MORE 1803/YF

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THIS BOARD COMPRISED EXPERTS IN SHIPPING FROM THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL MARITIME CONSULTATIVE ORGANISATION AND THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR LATER PRESENTED CERTIFICATES TO 65 OFFICERS WHO HAD ATTENDED VARIOUS COURSES.

DATIN SERI DR SITI HASMAH ALSO PRESENTED PRIZES TO THE BEST STUDENTS IN THE VARIOUS FIELDS.

HAZLEE ISMAIL FROM BUTTERWORTH WAS SELECTED THE BEST OVERALL STUDENT.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR AND DATIN SERI DR SITI HASMAH WERE EARLIER MET ON ARRIVAL AT THE PADANG OF THE SEKOLAH MENENGAH RAHMAD, KUALA SUNGAI BARU, BY CHIEF MINISTER ENC IK MOHAMED ADIB ADAM.

SOME 10 000 SCHOOLCHILDREN AND PEOPLE LINED THE ROUTE FROM THE SCHOOL TO THE MARITIME ACADEMY. — BERNAMA 1808/YF