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KUALA LUMPUR, DEC. 2 (BERNAMA) -- THE CABINET HAS APPROVED THE SETTING UP OF THE INSTITUTE FOR STRATEGIC STUDIES WHICH WILL BE LOCATED IN THE FEDERAL CAPITAL, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THE BILL ON ITS ESTABLISHMENT WAS EXPECTED TO BE TABLED DURING THE CURRENT SESSION OF PARLIAMENT, THE PRIME MINISTER TOLD REPORTERS AFTER PRESENTING DIPLOMAS TO PARTICIPANTS WHO COMPLETED AN 11-MONTH COURSE AT THE ARMED FORCES STAFF COLLEGE HERE.

HOWEVER, IF IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO TABLE THE BILL DURING THIS SESSION, THE BILL WOULD BE TABLED AT THE NEXT SESSION.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO DEFENCE MINISTER, SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS LOOKING FOR A BUILDING TO RENT AS PREMISES FOR THE INSTITUTE.

THE ALLOCATION FOR THE INSTITUTE, TO BE CHAIRED BY FORMER PRIME MINISTER DATUK HUSBEIN ONN, HAD NOT BEEN MADE YET, HE ADDED.

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HE SAID THE FUNCTION OF THE INSTITUTE WAS TO STUDY THE WORLD ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SITUATION TO ENABLE MALAYSIA TO STUDY THE DEVELOPMENTS AND DRAW UP POLICIES TO MEET THEM.

EARLIER, COMMANDANT OF THE COLLEGE, BRIG. JEN. HAJI MUSTAFFA AWANG, SAID THE UNIVERSITI KEBANGSAAN MALAYSIA (UKM) HAD AGREED TO CONDUCT THE STRATEGIC STUDIES PROGRAMME OF THE COLLEGE FROM NEXT YEAR.

THE FOCUS WOULD BE ON NATIONAL AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS AND CLASSES FOR THE SUBJECT WOULD BE INCREASED TO 75 PERIODS FROM THE PRESENT 40 PERIODS.

A CENTRE OF STUDIES TO BE CALLED +KESBAN+ WOULD BE SET UP NEXT YEAR. ITS CONCEPT WOULD INCORPORATED SECURITY AND DEVELOPMENT ASPECTS.

THE CENTRE WOULD HAVE ITS OWN REPOSITORY FOR KEEPING OF RELEVANT DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION FOR REFERENCE PURPOSES.

HE SAID OTHER CHANGES IN THE CURRICULUM OF THE COLLEGE INCLUDED A NEW APPROACH TO THE MANAGEMENT MODULE, STRATEGIC STUDIES AND AN EVALUATION SYSTEM.--MORE 1312/HM

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THE COLLEGE WOULD ALSO COOPERATE WITH INTAN IN ORGANISING MANAGEMENT COURSES IN WHICH THE STRESS WOULD BE ON PRODUCTIVITY IMPROVEMENT, COST-BENEFIT AWARENESS, COMPUTER UTILISATION AND MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP PERFORMANCE.

BRIG. JEN. HAJI MUSTAFFA SAID THE COLLEGE WOULD ALSO PRODUCE A MILITARY JOURNAL CONTAINING ARTICLES ON DOCTRINES, MANAGEMENT, LEADERSHIP AND MILITARISM.

IT WOULD TOGETHER WITH THIS CONDUCT +WAR GAMES+ INCORPORATING TACTICAL STUDIES IN ITS TRAINING SYSTEM.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THE CHANGES IN THE COLLEGE WERE AIMED AT PRODUCING A PRODUCTIVE, EFFICIENT AND ETHICAL CORPS OF LEADERS IN LINE WITH THE CONCEPT ESPOUSED BY THE GOVERNMENT UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR.

THE COMMANDANT SAID THAT THE COURSE THIS YEAR WAS DIFFERENT FROM THOSE OF PREVIOUS YEARS IN THAT IT HAD THE +SERVICE WING+ INTRODUCED DURING ITS SECOND TERM.--MORE 1319/HM

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THE MOVE PROVIDED FOR SPECIALISATION OF KNOWLEDGE IN THE  
VARIOUS SERVICE BRANCHES OF THE ARMED FORCES.

A TOTAL OF 144 OFFICERS RECEIVED THEIR DIPLOMAS, 16 OF WHOM ARE  
FROM THE UNITED STATES, GHANA, SUDAN, BANGLADESH, PAPUA NEW GUINEA,  
JAPAN, SOUTH KOREA, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, BRITAIN AND THE OTHER  
ASEAN COUNTRIES.

MEJ. LENG CHONG HOOI FROM THE SERVICES CORPS RECEIVED THE FIRST  
PRIZE FOR HIS ESSAY. SECOND WAS MEJ. MOHAMAD RAIH BIN HAJI ISMAIL  
FROM THE ROYAL MALAY REGIMENT.--BERNAMA 1321/HM