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KUALA LUMPUR, AUG. 6 (BERNAMA) -- (DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD) WANTS MALAYSIANS TO BE TRAINED IN THE USE OF NEW COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT TO HELP UPGRADE THEIR PRODUCTIVITY.

IN THIS RESPECT THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT IT WAS NECESSARY THAT PROPER PLANNING ON THE COUNTRY'S INVESTMENT SOURCES IN THIS COMMUNICATION INFRASTRUCTURE.

THE AVAILABILITY OF BASIC INFRASTRUCTURE LIKE ELECTRICITY, TELEPHONE AND MODERN POSTAL SERVICES SHOULD BE EXPEDITED SO THAT SUCH FACILITIES COULD BE PROVIDED TO A BIGGER SECTOR OF THE POPULATION AND NOT ONLY TO THOSE IN THE TOWNS AND THOSE WHO COULD AFFORD THEM, HE SAID WHEN OPENING A SYMPOSIUM ON THE NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS POLICY AT THE ASIA PACIFIC DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (APDC) HERE TODAY.

HE BELIEVED THAT SINCE A POLICY NEEDED AN EFFECTIVE LEGAL INSTRUMENT TO CONTROL ITS IMPLEMENTATION THE QUESTION AS TO WHETHER THE AVAILABLE LEGAL INSTRUMENTS COULD OVERCOME ANY PROBLEMS THAT COULD ARISE FROM SUCH COMMUNICATION DEVELOPMENT SHOULD BE GIVEN CONSIDERATION. -- MORE 1742:0M

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HE ALSO SAID THAT AMONG THE BASIC VALUES THAT COULD MOTIVATE TOWARDS A COMMUNITY AND NATION WITH ASPIRATION AND VISION WAS AN INFORMED SOCIETY, CREATIVE AND INNOVATIVE, RESPONSIBLE AND RESPONSIVE.

SUCH AN ORIENTATION SHOULD BEGIN DURING CHILDHOOD AND AT SCHOOL WHERE THE CHILDREN SHOULD BE GIVEN OPPORTUNITIES IN A SUITABLE ENVIRONMENT TO DEVELOP THEIR TALENT THROUGH AN EDUCATION PROCESS THAT WAS NOT LIMITED TO MERELY MEMORISING VITAL INFORMATION AND CONCEPTS BUT TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO THINK, ANALYSE AND TO BE CREATIVE.

+CHILDREN ARE GUIDED TO NEW INVENT NEW THINGS USING ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT AND WITH THAT THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF CONCEPTS AND CREATIVITY AND ITS APPLICATION WILL DEVELOP,+ HE ADDED.

+THE SYSTEM WHICH EMPHASISED ON THE MEMORISING OF FACTS WITHOUT THE ABILITY TO THINK, ANALYSE AND CREATE WOULD BRING ABOUT A COMMUNITY WHICH IS PASSIVE AND NOT DYNAMIC,+ HE SAID. -- BERNAMA