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KUALA LUMPUR, SEPT 29 (BERNAMA) -- THE UNIVERSITI UTARA MALAYSIA CAMPUS AT JITRA IN KEDAH WILL COST \$24 MILLION -- THE AMOUNT WHICH WILL BE NEEDED IF THE STUDENTS ARE TO PURSUE THEIR STUDIES OVERSEAS.

PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY THAT BY HAVING THE STUDENTS FURTHER THEIR EDUCATION LOCALLY, THE SAVING OF BETWEEN \$20 MILLION AND \$30 MILLION WOULD GO TOWARDS THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CAMPUS.

HE SAID UUM VICE-CHANCELLOR TAN SRI PROF DR AWANG HAD SALLEH HAD BEEN DIRECTED TO ENSURE THAT ONLY THE NECESSARY BUILDINGS BE PUT UP AND THAT THE DESIGNS NOT BE OSTENTATIOUS, MERELY FUNCTIONAL.

+THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN SETTING UP A UNIVERSITY CAMPUS IS NOT THE BEAUTY OF ITS BUILDINGS BUT THE CONTENT -- THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION AND THE QUALITY OF THE STUDENTS -- SO THAT WHEN THE STUDENTS GRADUATE THEY WILL HAVE BEEN INFUSED WITH A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY TOWARD THE RAKYAT,+ HE SAID AT THE CLOSE OF THE 36TH UMNO GENERAL ASSEMBLY HERE.

ON THE UNIVERSITI TEKNOLOGI MALAYSIA CAMPUS IN JOHOR WHOSE COST WOULD COME TO \$800 MILLION WHEN COMPLETED, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE EXPENDITURE WAS PLANNED BEFORE THE ECONOMIC RECESSION HIT THE COUNTRY.

YESTERDAY, EDUCATION MINISTER DATUK ABDULLAH HAJI AHMAD BADAWI SAID THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE UTM CAMPUS HAD TO CONTINUE AS THE CONTRACTS FOR THE PROJECT HAD BEEN SIGNED. -- BERNAMA

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