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ALOR GAJAH, MARCH 15 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER (DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF STUDENTS IN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING SUCCEEDING IN THEIR STUDIES SO AS TO JUSTIFY THE HOPES SOCIETY PLACES ON THEM.

HE SAID EDUCATION WAS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE INDIVIDUAL TO ATTAIN A HIGH STANDING IN SOCIETY AS WITHOUT EDUCATION HE WOULD BE LEFT BEHIND.

STUDENTS SHOULD REMEMBER SOCIETY HAD GIVEN THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET AN EDUCATION AND AS SUCH THEY SHOULD TRY TO FULFIL THE ASPIRATIONS AND WISHES OF THE PEOPLE.

+THIS IS THE REASON WE ALWAYS URGE STUDENTS, WHETHER THOSE STUDYING LOCALLY OR ABROAD, TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN THEIR STUDIES,+ HE SAID WHEN PERFORMING THE GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY OF THE INSTITUT TEKNOLOGI MARA (ITM) MELAKA BRANCH CAMPUS AT LENDU NEAR HERE.

HE SAID EVEN THOUGH THEIR EXPENSES WERE BORNE BY EITHER THEIR PARENTS OR THE GOVERNMENT, THEY SHOULD NOT TAKE THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES LIGHTLY. -- MORE  
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NO COMMUNITY COULD REMAIN ON TOP FOREVER, SIMILARLY, NO COMMUNITY COULD BE BACKWARD FOREVER BECAUSE IN THIS WORLD, THERE WERE THOSE WHO PROGRESSED AND THOSE WHO WERE BACKWARD.

URGING STUDENTS IN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING SUCH AS ITM TO WORK HARDER FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID: +IN OUR EFFORTS TO SEEK GREATER PROGRESS, OTHER PEOPLE WHO HAVE A HEAD START ON US WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE FURTHER SUCCESS.

+HOWEVER, WE SHOULD NOT DESPAIR EVEN IF WE HAVE YET TO REALISE OUR TARGET. WE HAVE ACHIEVED SUCCESS, IT IS ONLY THAT THIS IS NOT AT THE LEVEL TO WHICH WE ASPIRE.+

HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT WITH COMPETITION, THE DESIRED OBJECTIVE WOULD BE ACHIEVED IN TIME TO COME.

THE GOVERNMENT, HE ADDED, HAD SPENT MILLIONS OF RINGGIT TO PROVIDE CAMPUSES, OTHER EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS, ALL FOR STEPPING UP DEVELOPMENT, ESPECIALLY FOR THE BUMIPUTERAS TO BE ON PAR WITH THE OTHER RACES.

HE ALSO REMINDED STUDENTS TO BE MODERATE IN THEIR OTHER INTERESTS SUCH AS POLITICS AS THEIR EDUCATION WOULD BE AFFECTED IF THEY GOT TOO INVOLVED IN THESE ACTIVITIES. -- MORE  
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HE SAID WHAT WAS IMPORTANT WAS THAT THEY GAVE FULL ATTENTION TO THEIR STUDIES TO ACHIEVE ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND HELP FULFILL THE NATIONAL OBJECTIVE OF EQUAL PROGRESS FOR THE VARIOUS RACES.

HE ALSO SAID ALL STUDENTS WHO MANAGED TO ENTER ITM SHOULD CONSIDER THEMSELVES LUCKY AS THERE WERE MANY APPLICANTS FOR THE LIMITED NUMBER OF PLACES AVAILABLE.

ITM HAD PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN ENHANCING THE ROLE OF BUMIPUTERAS IN THE NATION'S DEVELOPMENT BY PRODUCING MANY ENTREPRENEURS AND THOSE HOLDING HIGH POSITIONS IN THE GOVERNMENT.

ALSO PRESENT WERE HIS WIFE DATUK SERI DATIN PADUKA DR SITI HASMAH, CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT TAN SRI SALLEHUDDIN MOHAMED AND MELAKA CHIEF MINISTER DATUK SERI ABDUL RAHIM THAMBY CHIK. -- BERNAMA  
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