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KODIANG, APRIL 27 (BERNAMA) -- ^(P) DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY THAT SUCCESS IN EDUCATION DOES NOT MEAN PRODUCING EXCELLENT RESULTS IN EXAMINATIONS ONLY.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THOSE OBTAINING GOOD RESULTS SHOULD ALSO PRACTISE GOOD VALUES.

TEACHERS SHOULD INSTIL GOOD VALUES IN CHILDREN AS REQUIRED BY ISLAM, SUCH AS BEING TRUSTWORTHY, DISCIPLINED AND RESPECTING THE ELDERS, HE SAID WHEN OPENING THE NEW BUILDING OF SEKOLAH KEBANGSAAN TENGKU BENDAHARA HERE.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THAT IF A COMMUNITY WAS NOT TRUSTWORTHY AND HARDWORKING, THEN IT WOULD NOT ACHIEVE SUCCESS.

THE BACKWARDNESS OF MUSLIMS WAS CAUSED BY THEIR NOT PRACTISING THE NOBLE VALUES, HE SAID. -- MORE

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+ISLAM TEACHES US TO REGARD ALL MUSLIMS AS BROTHERS, BUT WE OURSELVES ARE RIVALS TO THE EXTENT OF KILLING ONE ANOTHER, LIKE WHAT IS HAPPENING IN WEST ASIA,+ HE SAID.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID SCHOOLS WERE AN IMPORTANT INSTITUTION AND POINTED OUT THAT THEY COULD HELP PRODUCE A YOUNGER GENERATION WHICH WAS MORE PRODUCTIVE TO THE NATION.

HE CALLED ON TEACHERS TO PLAY A MORE EFFECTIVE ROLE IN ENSURING THE SUCCESS OF THE NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY.

HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE TEACHERS WOULD BE ABLE TO LIVE UP TO THIS TASK AS THEY HAD RECEIVED ADEQUATE TRAINING AT THE TEACHERS' TRAINING COLLEGES.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS ABLE TO SET UP MORE SCHOOLS AND OTHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS AFTER INDEPENDENCE. -- MORE

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HE SAID THAT DURING THE COLONIAL PERIOD, THE PEOPLE WERE NOT ENCOURAGED TO PURSUE HIGHER EDUCATION BECAUSE THE BRITISH REALISED THAT IF THE PEOPLE WERE SMART, THEIR POSITION WOULD BE THREATENED.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID IT WAS THE INTELLECTUALS WHO PIONEERED THE STRUGGLE TO OBTAIN INDEPENDENCE.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT BUILT PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY BECAUSE IT HAD SUFFICIENT MONEY AND THAT IT REALISED THE IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION FOR THE PEOPLE.

HOWEVER, HE SAID THERE WOULD BE NO MEANING TO HAVING HUGE SCHOOL BUILDINGS IF THE STUDENTS DID NOT DO WEELL IN THEIR STUDIES.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT EDUCATION RECEIVED THE BIGGEST ALLOCATION IN THE NATIONAL BUDGET EVERY YEAR.

HE SAID TEACHERS SHOULD ALSO HELP EXPAND THE GENERAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE STUDENTS.

BEING THE LARGEST GROUP OF PROFESSIONALS IN THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE, THE TEACHERS HAD A HEAVY RESPONSIBILITY IN ENHANCING THE STANDARD OF EDUCATION, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID. -- BERNAMA

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