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MAHATHIR-KNOWLEDGE (CORRECTED REPETITION)

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KUALA TERENGGANU, OCT 4 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD WANTS THE PEOPLE AND FUTURE MALAYSIAN GENERATIONS TO HAVE THE COURAGE TO PIONEER INTO VARIOUS FIELDS INCLUDING THOSE AT INTERNATIONAL LEVEL BY MAKING FULL USE OF THEIR KNOWLEDGE.

+THE PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE BIG AMBITIONS TO MAKE OUR NATION RESPECTED AT GLOBAL LEVEL,+ THE PRIME MINISTER SAID WHEN OPENING THE SEKOLAH MENENGAH AJIL, ABOUT 32KM FROM HERE.

TERENGGANU MENTERI BESAR DATUK SERI HAJI WAN MOKHTAR AHMAD, MINISTER IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT DATUK DR YUSOF NOOR AND DEPUTY PRIMARY INDUSTRIES MINISTER ALIAS ALI WERE ALSO PRESENT.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE PEOPLE SHOULD PROVE THEY WERE CAPABLE OF BEING ON PAR WITH MORE DEVELOPED COMMUNITIES SO THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE LOOKED DOWN UPON.

THE BASIC FOUNDATION FOR ACHIEVING THIS WAS TO MAKE FULL USE OF KNOWLEDGE THAT HAD BEEN ACQUIRED, HE SAID. -- MORE

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THE SCHOOL SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED MERELY AS A PLACE TO OBTAIN CERTIFICATES BUT MORE IMPORTANT IT SHOULD BE A CENTRE TO DEVELOP AN ATTITUDE OF WANTING TO SEEK PROGRESS.

+THE KNOWLEDGE ACQUIRED FROM THE SCHOOL SHOULD BE USED WELL AND TO THE FULLEST SO AS TO BRING BENEFITS,+ HE SAID

IT WOULD BE OF NO BENEFIT IF THE KNOWLEDGE ACQUIRED WAS NOT PUT TO PROFITABLE USE, HE SAID ADDING THAT IT COULD BE EQUATED TO HAVING A PIECE OF LAND RICH IN GOLD DEPOSITS AND LEAVING IT IDLE WITHOUT MAKING ANY EFFORT TO EXTRACT THE GOLD, HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO TOUCHED ON THE DEEP-SEA TUNA FISHING COOPERATION WITH THAILAND, LAUNCHED RECENTLY, AND NOTED THAT THE QUESTION OF FISHING +APPARENTLY HAD BECOME A SENSITIVE PROBLEM.+ -- MORE

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HE SAID SUCH COOPERATION WAS TO ENABLE THIS COUNTRY'S FISHERMEN TO OBTAIN PROFITS FROM THE RESOURCES IN MALAYSIAN WATERS.

+IT IS USELESS IF WE HAVE AN AREA KNOWN AS THE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE AND NOT EXTRACT THE RICHES FROM IT,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID THE FISH CAUGHT WAS OF THE TUNA VARIETY WHICH WAS ALSO CALLED +IKAN TONGKOL+ OR +IKAN KAYU+ PREFERRED BY JAPAN AND THE WESTERN COUNTRIES.

THE COOPERATION DID NOT JEOPARDISE THE POSITION OF COASTAL FISHERMEN WHO CAUGHT OTHER TYPES OF FISH, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID.

HE SAID GROUPS WITH POLITICAL INTEREST WOULD CAPITALIZE ON THE ISSUE. -- BERNAMA

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