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SEREMBAN, JULY 2 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY IT IS IMPORTANT FOR CIVICS TO BE TAUGHT IN ALL INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING TO PRODUCE AN EDUCATED GROUP WHICH IS MORE RESPONSIBLE AND DISCIPLINED.

THIS WOULD HELP THEM IN NATION-BUILDING EFFORTS WHEN THEY TAKE OVER THE REINS OF THE COUNTRY IN FUTURE, HE SAID WHEN LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE FOR THE \$10 MILLION MIC-SPONSORED TUN ABDUL RAZAK COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY (KOTTAR) AT SIKAMAT HERE.

+IF WE ARE SUCCESSFUL IN PROVIDING STUDENTS WITH GOOD KNOWLEDGE BUT ON THE OTHER HAND IF THEY DO NOT KNOW THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARDS SOCIETY AND DO NOT REALISE HOW IMPORTANT IT IS FOR THEM NOT TO BECOME PROBLEMS TO THE NATION, THEN WHATEVER KNOWLEDGE THEY GAIN WILL NOT BE BENEFICIAL TO THE COUNTRY AND THEMSELVES,+ HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR REFERRED TO RIOTS IN MANY OTHER COUNTRIES AND SAID THAT EVEN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAD TO FACE SUCH RIOTS BECAUSE OF THE ACTIONS OF IRRESPONSIBLE STUDENTS. -- MORE
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PROGRESS WOULD BE HAMPERED IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IF THERE WERE IRRESPONSIBLE ACTIVITIES SUCH AS STREET DEMONSTRATIONS AND RIOTS, HE SAID.

ON KOTTAR, HE SAID IT WAS THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY TO GIVE MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND NON-GOVERNMENT BODIES TO SET UP COLLEGES FOR HIGHER EDUCATION OR SPECIALISED EDUCATION.

KOTTAR WAS ONE OF THE COLLEGES SET UP UNDER THIS POLICY, HE SAID, ADDING HE WAS PROUD THAT MIC HAD MADE USE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO SET UP THE INSTITUTION.

+I BELIEVE THAT BASED ON MIC'S POLICY, IT WILL NOT LIMIT THIS COLLEGE TO ONLY INDIANS. AS IN THE PAST, THE PARTY WILL ALSO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE OTHER RACES AS WELL TO STUDY IN ITS INSTITUTIONS,+ HE SAID.

THIS SHOULD BE EMULATED NOT ONLY BY THE OTHER RACES IN THE COUNTRY BUT ALSO THE GOVERNMENT ITSELF, HE SAID.

+I FEEL THAT TO BUILD A UNITED COUNTRY, TEACHING AND THE ABILITY TO STUDY ARE BOTH EQUALLY IMPORTANT. IF WE STUDY TOGETHER THE FRIENDSHIP THAT IS NURTURED WILL CONTINUE TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN SOLIDARITY AMONG THE VARIOUS RACES IN THE COUNTRY,+ HE SAID. -- MORE
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THE PRIME MINISTER SAID KOTTAR WOULD BE USEFUL TO THOSE WHO HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY THERE AND ADDED THAT THEY SHOULD NOT ONLY PURSUE TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE BUT ALSO STUDY TO GET TO KNOW THE NATION BETTER.

THE COLLEGE SHOULD ALSO BE AN ARENA FOR ENHANCING LOVE FOR THE COUNTRY, SOLIDARITY AMONG THE RACES AND INSTILLING A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY AMONG THE PEOPLE, HE SAID.

+I AM VERY PROUD WITH MIC FOR SETTING UP A COLLEGE FOR THE INTEREST OF THE PEOPLE AS A WHOLE,+ HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR WAS THEN SHOWN THE MODEL OF THE COLLEGE.

THE PRIME MINISTER WAS GIVEN A TRADITIONAL WELCOME ON ARRIVAL AT THE KOTTAR SITE.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE FUNCTION WERE NEGERI SEMBILAN MENTERI BESAR DATUK HAJI MOHAMAD ISA ABDUL SAMAD, MIC PRESIDENT AND WORKS MINISTER DATUK S. SAMY VELLU AND GERAKAN PRESIDENT AND PRIMARY INDUSTRIES MINISTER DATUK DR LIM KENG YAIK. -- BERNAMA
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