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KUALA LUMPUR, FEB 20 (BERNAMA) -- (DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD  
TONIGHT SUGGESTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING IN THE COUNTRY  
CONSIDER WHETHER THERE IS A NEED TO PROVIDE PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT  
TRAINING FOR COPING WITH CHALLENGES.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID GRADUATES OF THE INSTITUTES COULD NOT  
DEPEND ON HAVING ONLY HIGH QUALIFICATIONS BUT MUST ALSO POSSESS  
QUALITIES SUCH AS PATIENCE, SINCERITY, DILIGENCE AND HUMILITY.

SPEAKING AT A DINNER FUNCTION HERE, HE SAID ALTHOUGH SUCH  
QUALITIES WERE NOT INCULCATED AMONG STUDENTS THROUGH THE SYSTEM OF  
FORMAL EDUCATION, THEY WERE ESSENTIAL FOR FACING PRESENT DAY  
CHALLENGES.

HE SAID THAT AT ONE TIME, GRADUATES OF INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER  
LEARNING FELT THEIR QUALIFICATIONS GAVE THEM THE RIGHT TO A JOB AND  
PENSION.

+BUT TODAY, MANY WITH GOOD QUALIFICATIONS DO NOT ACHIEVE  
HAPPINESS IN LIFE BECAUSE OF BEING UNEMPLOYED, EVEN WITH A  
DOCTORATE,+ HE SAID. -- MORE

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HE STRESSED THAT JOB OPPORTUNITY AND PENSION WHICH WERE AT ONE  
TIME REGARDED A +RIGHT+ WERE NOW NO LONGER FULLY ATTAINABLE.

HE SAID WHEN THE GOVERNMENT STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF  
DISCIPLINE AND DILIGENCE AMONG THE PEOPLE, IT WANTED TO MAKE THEM  
REALISE THEY HAD TO BE PREPARED TO FACE CURRENT CHALLENGES, AND NOT  
TO OPPRESS THE PEOPLE, AS CLAIMED BY SOME QUARTERS.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID HOWEVER HE WAS PROUD MANY HAD BEEN  
ABLE TO SURMOUNT CHALLENGES AND WERE WILLING TO VENTURE INTO FIELDS  
THEY HAD NOT LEARNT ABOUT BEFORE.

PRESENT WAS DATUK SERI DATIN PADUKA DR SITI HASMAH.

AMONG GUESTS OF THE DINNER ORGANISED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF  
EX-MARA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY STUDENTS WERE FORMER MIT DIRECTORS  
TAN SRI ARSHAD AYUB, DATUK HAJI LOKMAN MUSA, PROF DR AWANG HAD  
SALLEH, DATUK NIK ABDUL RASHID NIK ABDUL MAJID AND CURRENT DIRECTOR  
DR MOHAMED MANSOR HAJI SALLEH.

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