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NIBONG TEBAL, MARCH 11 (BERNAMA) -- A PROJECT TO HELP RURAL STUDENTS IN PULAU PINANG IMPROVE THEIR PERFORMANCE THROUGH SYSTEMATIC REVISION OF SCHOOL WORK WILL BE LAUNCHED AT THE END OF THE MONTH, EDUCATION MINISTER ANWAR IBRAHIM SAID.

HE SAID THE +BINA ILMU+ PROJECT, A JOINT UNDERTAKING BY THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICE AND UNIVERSITI SAINS MALAYSIA (USM), IS AIMED AT ENABLING RURAL STUDENTS COMPETE WITH THOSE IN URBAN AREAS IN THEIR STUDIES.

ENCIK ANWAR, WHO WAS ADDRESSING A DINNER ORGANISED BY THE SEKOLAH KEBANGSAAN SUNGAI ACHEH PARENT-TEACHERS ASSOCIATION HERE LAST NIGHT, HOWEVER DID NOT ELABORATE ON THE PROJECT.

HE SAID THE RURAL HOSTELS PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTED IN SEVERAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE STATE HAD HELPED UPGRADE THE STUDENTS' ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE AS EVIDENT FROM THEIR SPM RESULTS ANNOUNCED RECENTLY.

THE MINISTER SAID THE LOCATION OF RURAL SCHOOLS OR POVERTY OF PARENTS SHOULD NOT BE MADE AN EXCUSE FOR THEIR FAILURE TO COMPETE AS THE GOVERNMENT HAD DONE ITS BEST TO ENSURE THAT THEY WERE ABLE TO STUDY WELL. -- MORE

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ENCIK ANWAR, WHO IS STATE BUMIPUTERA STEERING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN APPROVED AN ALLOCATION OF \$50,000 TO BUILD AN EXTENSION TO THE SUNGAI ACHEH MOSQUE.

LAUNCHING THE SUNGAI BAUNG UMNO BRANCH AT SUNGAI BAKAP, HE CALLED ON PARTY MEMBERS TO ENSURE THAT UMNO CANDIDATES WIN BY BIG MAJORITIES IN THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION.

HE SAID PARTY MEMBERS SHOULD ALSO HELP CANDIDATES OF BN COMPONENTS WIN IN THEIR CONSTITUENCIES.

HE CALLED ON UMNO MEMBERS NOT TO BE MISLED BY GROUPS BENT ON SPLITTING THE MALAYS AND DESTROYING THE GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN THEM AND OTHER RACES IN THE COUNTRY. -- BERNAMA

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