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KUALA LUMPUR, OCT 14 (BERNAMA) -- THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING TO COMPLEMENT THE PUBLIC SECTOR, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD HAS SAID.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT THE PRIVATE SECTOR WAS ENCOURAGED TO ASSIST THE PUBLIC SECTOR IN PREPARING PRE-DIPLOMA AND PRE-UNIVERSITY COURSES AS WELL AS VARIOUS OTHER COURSES AT CERTIFICATE AND DIPLOMA LEVEL.

+UP TO NOW THE PRIVATE SECTOR HAS PROVEN ITS CAPABILITY IN PREPARING FOR THE NEEDS OF SUCH EDUCATION AND TRAINING,+ HE SAID IN THE SOUVENIR PROGRAMME OF THE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON PROJECTING EDUCATIONAL CONCERNS IN MEETING THE CHALLENGES OF THE 21ST CENTURY ORGANISED BY THE STAMFORD COLLEGE GROUP HERE.

HOWEVER, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING PROGRAMME ORGANISED BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO ENSURE THAT ITS STANDARD REMAINED HIGH AND IN LINE WITH THE OVERALL ASPIRATION OF THE NATION.

HE ADDED THAT AN INCREASING NUMBER OF PARENTS WERE NOW ABLE TO HAVE THEIR CHILDREN UNDERGO THE PRIVATE SYSTEM OF EDUCATION. -- MORE
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IN HIS SPEECH AT THE OPENING OF THE SYMPOSIUM TODAY, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER ENCIK GHAFAR BABA SAID THAT NATIONS SHOULD BE PREPARED TO ADMIT THAT IN FACT +WE DO NOT HAVE ADEQUATE POLICIES TO SERVE AS A FRAMEWORK TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS WE SET FOR OURSELVES.+ THE SPEECH WAS READ BY SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE NATIONAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY DATUK ISMAIL MANSOR.

+FOR ONE THING, THERE HAS TO BE A BALANCE BETWEEN UNCHECKED ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT ON THE ONE HAND, AND SOCIAL WELL-BEING THROUGH A CARING SOCIETY ON THE OTHER,+ HE ADDED..

ENCIK GHAFAR SAID THAT IT WAS A PARADOX THAT SOME OF THE MOST POWERFUL ECONOMIC NATIONS IN THE WORLD APPEARED TO BE HAVING UNSURMOUNTABLE SOCIAL PROBLEMS IN GIVING A FULL AND MEANINGFUL LIFE TO ITS CITIZENS.

+IT WILL ONLY BE POSSIBLE TO MEET THESE CHALLENGES IF WE CLEARLY IDENTIFY PRIORITIES IN TERMS OF VALUES AS TO THE KIND OF SOCIETY WE WANT TO CREATE,+ HE SAID. -- BERNAMA

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