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DR MAHATHIR LAUNCHES NATIONAL-LEVEL TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION

KUALA LUMPUR, May 16 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad launched the national-level Teachers' Day celebration here today.

Some 4,500 educators and teachers from throughout the country attended the celebration themed "Effective Teachers, Excellent Education".

In his message in the souvenir programme, Dr Mahathir called on teachers to focus on curriculum and co-curriculum development; technical, vocational and technological training; and other science-based fields.

"Human development should be balanced up with skills in science and technology," he said.

"Teachers should also be exemplary in terms of personal attributes besides possessing knowledge in various fields including those related to information technology, languages and communication skills," he added.

Education Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak and Director-General of Education Datuk Dr Abdul Shukor Abdullah were present.

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