

## SARAWAK NAMES COLLEGE AFTER TUN ABDUL RAZAK

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KOTA SAMARAHAN, Sarawak, Feb 1 (Bernama) -- The Maktab Perguruan Samarahan Sarawak was today renamed Maktab Perguruan Tun Abdul Razak (MPTAR) to honour the memory of the late Prime Minister Tun Abdul Razak.

Tun Razak, Malaysia's second Prime Minister, died on Jan 14, 1976.

His widow Tun Hajah Rahah Mohd Noh officiated at the renaming ceremony.

Speaking at the ceremony, Sarawak Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud said the renaming was in recognition of the big contributions made by Tun Abdul Razak to the development of Malaysia and to the country's education system.

"The education system resulting from the Razak Report has brought unity among the various races in this country and enabled the nation to enjoy the present stability and progress," he said.

The people must maintain unity from generation to generation as the efforts to develop the country and bring about its prosperity was a continuous process, Tan Sri Abdul Taib said.

Tan Sri Abdul Taib said Tun Abdul Razak's contribution to the development of education in Sarawak was immense.

Under a crash programme Tun Razak built numerous secondary schools in Sarawak in the 1970s, the Chief Minister said.

"The Government was able to abolish the Common Entrance Examination in Sarawak only after Tun Abdul Razak approved the construction of several hundred secondary schools and this made it possible for all primary school children to go for secondary school education," he said.

MPTAR which was built at a cost of RM68 million is located on a 60-hectare site and became operational in 1999.

It can take in 1,050 students at any one session and offers the Malaysian Education Diploma course, Post Graduate Teaching Course and Specialist Teachers Training Course.

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