

# **- Mahathir plan to beat shortage of engineers**

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**M**ORE students will be sent overseas to take up engineering, architecture and surveying, Education Minister Dr. Mahathir bin Mohamad said last night.

The Ungku Omar Polytechnic in Ipoh will take in more students, a second polytechnic will be set up at Kuantan and the Mara Institute of Technology's programmes in Sabah and Sarawak will be expanded.

Dr. Mahathir was speaking at a dinner given by MIT Engineering Society at the Kuala Lumpur Hilton.

He said: "Malaysia is still short of engineers, architects, surveyors and technicians at all levels, especially in the middle level.

"The mid-term review of the Second Malaysia Plan shows that the private sector needed 23 per cent more engineers, architects and surveyors and 25 per cent more technicians.