

MAHATHIR TO STUDENTS

Entry into varsity isn't end of road

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EDUCATION Minister Dr. Mahathir Mohamed told Malay students today that they should not regard enrolment into universities as cause for them to rest on their laurels.

They must strive to do well in their examinations or the purpose of their stay at universities would be defeated, he said when he opened the general meeting of the Federation of Malay Students Unions here.

"If we go to the campuses," Dr. Mahathir said, "we will see many Malay students. But is this our objective? If so, we can lower the entry qualifications to increase this number."

Dr. Mahathir said there had been much talk about the number of Malay students but little about the percentage which passed.

Dr. Mahathir said the percentage of Malay students who passed was low when compared with others. He cited a case where only 14 of 60 Malay students successfully completed a five-year course.

He also said that the quality of students was not measured by their vociferousness or their ability to stage demonstrations but through examinations.

And examination results yearly showed that Malay students still lagged behind and that they could not afford to waste their time.