

# Need for Malays to acquire broad skills

## MAHATHIR HITS OUT AT THOSE WHO SHIRK FROM TRAINING

PONTIAN, Thursday.  
DEPUTY Prime Minister Dr. Mahathir Mohamed stressed the need today for the Malays to acquire the necessary skills to manage the country's economy. Without the necessary skills they will not be able to manage their 30 per cent share of the economy allotted them under the New Economic Policy, he said.

Dr. Mahathir was addressing the executive members of all branches of the Pontian Umno division here.

He said there were some Malays who did not want to be trained and there were some who did not want to do the work for which they were trained for. This attitude must change if the Malays wanted to succeed with the New Economic Policy.

"We may have all the opportunities to succeed but if we do not have the knowledge to make use of them, what is the use?" he asked.

He said there may be some Malays who inherit property from their rich parents, but they will lose the property if they do not know how to manage them.

### A share

"Even if we have gold under this building it will be of no use to us if we don't know how to mine it," he said.

Dr. Mahathir said that although the Malays and Umno had the strength and the power to run the country by themselves they were not afraid to co-operate with the others.

He said the Malays had given the opportunity to the other communities to share in the benefits of the country.

Even after the May 13 incident during the rule of the National Operations Council, Umno was in a position to take over the country completely but it did not do so.