

Mahathir criticises the selfish people

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Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir today criticised those people who only think of themselves.

"Individualism is not suitable in this part of the world.

"Such an attitude may be acceptable in the West but certainly not here. Such values contradict the Eastern culture and the social values practised in Malaysia," said the Prime Minister.

He was opening the West Malaysia Malay Teachers Unions annual meeting at Universiti Utara Malaysia near here.

Dr Mahathir also noted with regret that a number of Malaysians were inclined to such attitudes while studying abroad and tried to bring them back to the country.

"Their knowledge and wisdom will be redundant when one adopts ways of life and attitudes which are against the local moral values," said Dr Mahathir.

The Prime Minister also criticised those who had not been grateful to the Government for opportunities provided to them.

They included students who had received Gov-

ernment scholarships to study abroad.

"These people took for granted the Government's assistance. To them these are due to them and therefore they should not be grateful to the Government.

"I am sad that there are such people among us. They feel that we should be grateful to them instead of the other way around simply because they have had the opportunity to further their studies overseas,"

the Prime Minister said.

Dr Mahathir urged parents and educationists to instil more moral values into the younger generation.

"This is important if we are to rid our society of social problems," he said.