

Help to keep nation clean, people told

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KUALA LUMPUR, 3
— Datuk Seri Dr. Ma-
hathir Mohamad today
called on every Malay-
sian to play his part in en-
suring a clean and
healthy living environ-
ment.

He said there was a li-
mit to what the authori-
ties could do in this re-
spect without the support
of the people.

Addressing a gather-
ing of over 200 UTM stu-
dents and members of
the Malaysian Architects
Association (PAM), the
Prime Minister stressed
the importance of incul-
cating the habit of clean-
liness and a sense of re-
sponsibility and
self-respect through edu-
cation.

Laws and regulations
alone, he added, were not
sufficient to ensure a
healthy, positive attitude
among the people
towards their immediate
surroundings.

He noted that most
towns in the country had
developed along or near
rivers which people had
come to regard as part of
the general sewerage
system thus contributing
to the pollution of the
rivers.

He felt it was possible
for the authorities to en-
courage people to keep
their immediate sur-
roundings clean and tidy
through cleanliness cam-
paigns which he said had

worked in kampungs in
Kedah, for example.

He also called on archi-
tects to work towards de-
veloping a Malaysian
identity through building
design for houses as well
as commercial property
by adapting typically
Malaysian features
found in older houses and
other structures.

He said consideration
should also be given to
beauty through proper
landscaping and planting
of trees.

He said it was mainly
because of this that it was
necessary to move squat-
ters away from riverine
areas.