

'Take advantage of the opportunities'

'Give it your best' — Dr M

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KUALA TERENGGANU, Wed. — Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today urged the people to overcome problems involving their livelihood by concentrating on their chosen fields of endeavour in a disciplined way rather than on a part-time basis.

For instance in Terengganu, the people had yet to take full advantage of the opportunities arising from oil-based industries, he said.

The people in the State should also explore the possibility of de-

veloping the songket and copper industries using modern technology and not just on a part-time basis, he added.

Dr Mahathir was opening the Terengganu 10-year Development Exhibition at Padang Hiliran this evening. About 10,000 people were present.

Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah, Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Amar di-Raja Wan Mokhtar Ahmad, Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Dr Mohamed Yusof Noor and Deputy Labour Minister Datuk Haji Zakaria Abdul Rahman were among those present.

The Prime Minister criticised certain people for what he said was their attitude of idly watching others busy working and then

becoming jealous when these people became rich by taking advantage of the opportunities that were available to them.

"For example, I get sad when I see that the satay industry which originated from us becoming a source of wealth only when it is taken up by other people," he added.

He asked the people whether they had taken full advantage of the petroleum resources which were found only 272km from the shores of the State.

More than \$5 billion had been invested in the development of the petroleum and related industries in Terengganu by various companies, including Petronas, he said.

He regretted the claim that only foreign contractors were benefiting from the industry.

Dr Mahathir said local businessmen had also benefited as could be seen from the various shops and businesses that had sprung up following the rapid development of the State in the last decade.

The Prime Minister

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said many openings still existed for the people of Terengganu to exploit the economic opportunities arising from the State's petroleum industry.

Benefits from the industry could only be enjoyed if there was a change of attitude from the aspect of work ethics as well as giving priority to upgrading standards, competency and management of all facets of the industry.

Dr Mahathir hoped the people, when visiting the expo, would pause and look back on the past 10 years of development and be grateful.

The Prime Minister and his wife who are on a three-day visit to the State will be granted an audience by the Sultan at Istana Badariah tonight and later have dinner with the Ruler.

Tomorrow Dr Mahathir will open the Kerteh Airport, 128km from here, and inspect the Dermaga Timur (East Wharf) and a steel mill before proceeding to Besut for a meet-the-people-session. — Bernama.