

Work hard for benefits, says Mahathir

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KUALA TERENGGANU, Wed. — The people of Terengganu must work hard and change their attitude if they want to benefit from the State's oil resources.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today that many petroleum-related industries had been set up in the State but the people should work hard and widen their knowledge and learn more skills to take advantage of this development.

"If we wait with our hands in our pockets for riches to come to us we will get nothing in the end," he said when opening the *Terengganu Development Expo* held at the Padang Hiliran here.

Also present was Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Wan Mokhtar Ahmad and other VIPs.

The Prime Minister said: "Many workers in Terengganu have the opportunity to work in the petroleum industry and the more skilled they are the more money they will get.

"They also have the opportunity to go up to managerial levels."

He said that even more

petroleum-based industries would be set up in the State in the future and closer attention would be paid to development of efficiency, skills and knowledge.

"A change in attitude is also important because apart from helping to reap the benefits, it would also help the people enjoy their work," he said.

The Prime Minister said the Federal Government and private oil companies had spent \$4 billion on the petroleum industries in the State.

He said the amount spent was not only for foreign contractors but also for the people of Terengganu, regardless of whether they were small or big contractors or businessmen.

He also said that although the State received only five per cent of the royalties from its oil wealth, it had benefited from the setting up of petroleum-based activities and industries.

"Factories have been up and a supply base and harbour have been built. Similarly, we have to build an airport, roads and houses for the workforce," he said.