

# Value, preserve our greenery says PM

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**MALACCA, Sat. —**  
Malaysians should value the natural greenery and climate of the country as they are assets which need to be preserved, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said yesterday.

He said Malaysia was fortunate to have a good climate and luxuriant greenery unlike some other countries where the land is dry and barren and not in the least attractive.

This natural environment should be protected and not sacrificed in the name of development.

"If there is to be development in any area, ensure that only the trees which come in the way are felled.

"Those that do not obstruct the development of the project should be left as they are, more so if they are old trees."

He said this when officiating at the groundbreaking ceremony of the Malacca Country Club and Ayer Kroh Condominium Valley project.

The Prime Minister said Malaysians should plant more trees and grass so that the greenery in the country is enhanced as this makes life more comfortable, and the country beautiful.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said Malaysia should always be projected as a beautiful tourist destination to attract more foreign tourists.

The Malacca Country Club project will be built over six years at a cost of \$100 million by ROBCO Sdn Bhd.