

# Local engineers taken to task

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**BANGI, Sat. —** Most of the Malaysian engineers prefer high administrative positions rather than undertake research into areas of public interest, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

“About half of our engineers do not know how a circuit board is fixed so as to produce a radio or calculator on their own.

“On the other hand, engineers from Korea, Japan and Taiwan take pains to learn and understand the intricacies of a circuit board,” he said when opening a research palm diesel pilot plant at the Malaysian Palm Oil Research Institute (PORIM).

Dr Mahathir pointed out that Malaysians “should not wait for the technology to roll into our laps, but instead should go after it”.

They must make efforts to secure technology and not regard the process of technology transfer the responsibility others must fulfil.