

# PM to Japanese firms: Share your know-how

SHAH ALAM, Fri. — Japanese multinationals have been urged to transfer some of their technology to local companies.

They should not be too concerned over any adverse effect in doing so because Japanese technology was not static, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

"Because of Japan's rapid technological advancement, whatever technology transferred to Malaysia will not pose a threat to Japan," the Prime Minister told reporters after opening Canon Opto (M) Sdn Bhd here.

Dr Mahathir said Japa-

nese companies could work together with Malaysian manufacturers to develop products which could meet the stringent requirements of export markets.

He urged local firms to take advantage of proposals for co-operation by Japanese companies and not shy away from taking investments risks.

He said proposals for co-operation could also come in the form of joint-ventures between Japanese part suppliers and Malaysian companies, where the risks were shared and where transfer of technology would be more organised.