

# **PM TO DENTISTS: KEEP UP WITH NEW METHODS**

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs.  
— Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today reminded dental practitioners on the need to continually upgrade their professional services and keep abreast of the latest development in knowledge and technology.

"As knowledge in health and dentistry is ever increasing and changing, the role of the Commonwealth Dental Association is particularly significant in the area of continuing education.

"In this respect, an association such as this can provide the right forum for the exchange of information and experience among member countries," the Prime Minister said when inaugurating the Commonwealth Dental Association here.

He added that in an effort to address the worldwide problems confronting oral health, dental practitioners should always bear in mind that they were dealing with countries with varied needs and capabilities.

For this reason, the banding of various nation-

al dental associations of Commonwealth member countries to form the Commonwealth Dental Association should be clearly defined, deliberated upon, documented and actively pursued.

"The formation of this association should bring

benefit not only to the more advanced countries with greater influence, but equally so to the smaller nations striving to achieve a better standard of oral health for their countries.

"The more than one billion population within

member countries must ultimately derive some benefit by the coming together of their national dental associations to form this Commonwealth Dental Association.

Otherwise, this whole effort would not be worthwhile," said Dr Mahathir.