

Be more careful with our environs says PM

DATUK Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad urged the public and private sectors to be more conscious of the actions from development activities which can adversely affect the environment.

He called on them to take an active interest in controlling pollution and environmental degradation.

"We must not forget the importance of the environment and its effects on our lives. The environment is the responsibility of all.

"Our air, water and soil quality must be protected. Together, we must protect and enhance the natural beauty of our land and physical surroundings so that we can continue to enjoy a clean environment and a high quality of life," he said.

Dr Mahathir said that the indiscriminate use of chemicals, uncontrolled discharge of toxic waste from industrial activities, extensive land clearing and ~~unregulated~~ mining and logging activities had in many instances contaminated the water courses.

This led to the contamination of the water supply and the elimination of fishes, he added.

Dr Mahathir said Malaysia would continue to play a visible role at the international level.

"The Langkawi Declaration on the Environment, which Malaysia initiated at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in October 1989, epitomised our commitment to the global plan of action aimed at arresting possible environmental degradation and promoting environmentally-sound and sustainable development," he said.