

Adopt Japanese concept wisely: PM

JITRA: Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has cautioned Kedah not to be too eager to adopt the "one village one product" concept from Japan.

"You might not succeed if you do not know how to practise the concept. You (Kedah) should not fantasise about becoming rich (with the concept) ... what is important is that one must have the willingness to practise the concept with hard work.

"The way is not important ... what is important is that the man who uses it should know how to use it," he said.

He was speaking at the launching of the Kedah Farmers Organisation campaign to increase

shares and membership yesterday. The organisation now has 42,000 members with \$2.5 million in capital.

Dr Mahathir also said there could be many types of plans and policies but all could fail if one did not work hard and did not implement the plans and policies properly.

"We should not be ashamed of imitating (concepts) from others. Today, we imitate and if we become successful, others will also be imitating us," he said.

In line with the "one village one product" adopted from the Iota Prefecture of Japan, Kedah is planning fruits zones for six districts in the state.