

PM: Rich nations must be sincere

KUALA LUMPUR: The Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro in June will be ineffective if there is no commitment from developed nations to tackle environment issues, **Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad** said.

The Prime Minister said these countries, including the United States, had been lukewarm in their commitments despite their criticism of developing nations.

He also expressed his apprehension on the refusal of the United States to sign a treaty to fight

global warming if included limits on worldwide carbon dioxide emissions.

US President George Bush has also been criticised for his refusal to attend the Earth Summit unless it was "productive."

Dr Mahathir will open the three-day Second Ministerial Conference of Developing Countries on Environment and Development on Monday and launch a 25-minute video documentary An Initiative for the Greening of The World.