

PM: Students keen on Living Skills

KUALA LUMPUR: The Government's aims of encouraging the study of living skills in schools are bearing fruit, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said.

The Prime Minister said he was satisfied with the keen interest shown by students in the field.

He was speaking to reporters after a visit to the Sek Men Datok Lokman in Kampung Pandan here yesterday.

Dr Mahathir was given a tour of the school where

he witnessed the teaching of the Living Skills subject.

Lower secondary students are taught the basic skills of carpentry, plumbing, repairing engines, and electronic components, entrepreneurship, and self-management in the subject which was introduced in 1989.

Basic living skills were much needed as the country moved towards an industrialised nation, he said.

Dr Mahathir said even

managers and accountants needed to equip themselves with that knowledge.

"They will become more effective when they know about the products they are dealing with," he said.

Dr Mahathir was accompanied by Education Minister Datuk Amar Dr Sulaiman Daud, ministry's secretary-general Datuk Mohamed Noordin Hassan, director-general of Education Datuk Dr Wan Zahid Mohamed Nor-

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din, and Federal Territory Education Department director Tuan Haji Abdul Rahim Abdul Hamid.

The entourage was briefed on the school's 31 years of development by principal V. Chakravathy.

Dr Sulaiman noted the achievement in the education system which had produced confident, creative and polite students.

"It was noticeable how they had the courage to approach the prime minister and asked him questions," he said.