

# Mahathir offers light-hearted advice to young PM aspirants

KUALA LUMPUR: Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad offered some light-hearted advice to young people aspiring to become Prime Minister.

"Although I started off selling *goreng pisang*, I would advise young people wanting to become Prime Minister not to start off like I did," he said.

The Prime Minister's banter was in response to a speech given by Melewar Corporation group chairman Tunku Abdullah Tuanku Abdul Rahman at the company's 30th anniversary dinner here on Saturday night.

Also present was Datuk Seri Paduka Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali.

Tunku Abdullah, who had known Dr

Mahathir since the early 1960s, said the Prime Minister had developed marketing experience during the Japanese Occupation particularly in selling *goreng pisang*.

"I have obtained a lot of advice from him through the years particularly in being prudent when doing business and to cut costs."

Tunku Abdullah later handed a cheque for RM1 million to Dr Mahathir towards the Bumiputra Entrepreneur Foundation.

Dr Mahathir congratulated Melewar for having come of age and for being one of the biggest bumiputra companies in the country.

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