

Might-y way to share expertise

KUALA LUMPUR: The formation of the Malaysian Industry-Government Group for High Technology (Might) is a tangible way of sharing wealth and technological know-how of advanced nations in the Commonwealth.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said yesterday the Government supported the formation of Might, which was not confined to Malaysia but would be spread throughout the Commonwealth countries.

Mahathir said the Commonwealth countries were beginning to realise that to grow, they need to get away from the production of primary commodities.

"The areas are quite unlimited and enable us to share the wealth with countries having other resources to offer," he said, adding that Might had received good response

from the private sector since its formation last year.

Dr Mahathir was speaking to reporters after attending a luncheon and special presentation by Might and the Commonwealth Consultative Group on Technology Management — Private Sector Partnership.

Might, a joint initiative between the government and the private sector, was formed to prospect for business opportunities for Malaysia through strategic exploitation for the attainment of Vision 2020 objectives.

Earlier, Might co-chairman Datuk Dr Omar Abdul Rahman said many countries had expressed interest in forming such a group.

Dr Omar said the public/private sector partnership would also help bring about new concepts, especially in total quality management.