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DR MAHATHIR UNHAPPY OVER SPREAD OF PUNK CULTURE AMONG YOUTH

ALOR SETAR, Jan 9 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today expressed his unhappiness over the spread of punk culture among Malaysian youth.

He was amazed as to how this negative culture could be taken up by these youths who at the same time ignored the many virtues in life.

What was the use of the punk culture which advocated violence and unhealthy behaviour, he asked.

"Where is the beauty in nice hair being glued together," he said when addressing students of the Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM) in Sintok near here.

The Prime Minister was at the university as part of his one-day visit to his Parliamentary constituency of Kubang Pasu.

Dr Mahathir advised the people specially students to have a high standard of self-discipline in their daily lives and in pursuing knowledge and in carrying out their duties.

Only with a high standard of discipline could a person achieve success in his various endeavours.

Students should ponder over their main aim of entering university and not look upon campus life as a period to just enjoy themselves.

The Prime Minister also wanted students and the people to enhance their management skills as this was important for the country to realise its vision of becoming a developed nation by the year 2020.

Dr Mahathir said management skills were now at a high level in Malaysia but there was always room for improvement.

He said Malaysia's successes could be attributed to efficient management and this had placed Malaysia among the most successful developing countries.

"Even though some consider efficient management as a natural talent, I believe this skill can be developed through earnest effort and self-discipline," the Prime Minister said.

Realising the importance of management skills to the country, the government had set up the UUM whose main objective was to produce graduates with qualifications in management.

Through efficient management, a man could organise his life well and be a credit to society and the nation.

Dr Mahathir later planted tree of the "merawan siput jantan" species in the campus to mark his visit. --BERNAMA

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