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MAHATHIR HEARS JUDGES' NEEDS FIRST-HAND

PETALING JAYA, April 24 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today met the country's judges for a dialogue which Chief Justice of the Federal Court Tan Sri Eusoff Chin said had enabled them to know each other closer.

"This is the first time the Prime Minister has come to meet the judges face-to-face," he told reporters after the meeting at a hotel in Subang near here where the judges held their annual conference.

"We feel very proud that he takes the time to come and see us and find out what we need...it just shows he is interested," Eusoff said.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Abang Abu Bakar Mustapha, whose purview includes the courts, also attended the dialogue.

Asked if the Prime Minister had any message for the judges, Eusoff said: "The usual one: work hard, follow the law".

He said the Prime Minister had reiterated that he respected and accepted decisions made by the court as long as the decisions were made according to the law. -- Bernama

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