

Mahathir: Low morals will destroy society

ALOR STAR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad reminded Malaysians yesterday that a society that nurtures immorality while pursuing national progress is only headed for destruction.

"A society with high knowledge but low morals is a destroyed society," he said.

Western society's contention was that they could do as they wished in the name of freedom, he

said at the Sultan Abdul Hamid College, his *alma mater*, here.

At the function, Dr Mahathir presented the Iskandar Award to Mohamed Sani Abu Hassan, an Upper Six Arts student for all-round excellence and leadership.

The award was named after Dr Mahathir's father and the college's first principal Mohamad Iskandar. Mohamad was principal from 1908 to 1910.

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Dr Mahathir studied at the college until he completed his Senior Cambridge level. The college is also the *alma mater* of first prime minister Tunku Abdul Rahman and Malaysia's former permanent representative to the United Nations Tan Sri Razali Ismail.

After the award presentation, Dr Mahathir opened the college's computer laboratory.

Dr Mahathir's son Mirzan, also a former student

of the college, donated 80 computers to the laboratory and funded its renovation.

The prime minister later launched the college's homepage.

"This is a very good facility and I am sure it will be used by students at this college to enhance their knowledge," Dr Mahathir typed onto the homepage's visitors book.

He also toured the college library and shook hands with students.

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