

# Wealth should be result of 'hard work, says PM

**TOKYO, Fri:** Wealth should be the result of hard work and production and not obtained through currency speculation and manipulation, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

"What is real wealth is what we do with our own hands including the goods and services. We must have some faith in our own ideas of how to develop ourselves," said the Prime Minister.

"We still believe in almost what the

Europeans would call the 'Calvinistic' values'.

"We want to work hard because work is good and we want to produce and we want to sell things cheaply," he said during an interview session for a Keio University documentary and the *Mainichi* newspaper.

Mahathir said: "Malaysia had supported the international financial system over time and we accept that currencies fluctuate in value but we thought that was related to the **perfor-**

**mance** of the economy" **10 JUN**

The Prime Minister said it was purely selling and buying currencies and that he had always maintained that currencies are not commodities that can be bought or sold because basically they have no value except what countries agreed to **recognise** as to their value.

On the Asian Monetary Fund (AMF), he said it would be a friendlier kind of fund that tries to prevent crisis from happening.