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`Be sensitive to customs, cultures of other races'

DATUK Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today students must be instilled with the values to respect and be sensitive to the customs and cultures of other races in Malaysia right from their school days.

The Prime Minister said this could ensure the peace and development enjoyed by the country's multi-racial society and to avert racial tension and riots.

"Even if we are from different schools, we must find the opportunity to gather. All must be sensitive to our friends from other races ... Malays must be sensitive to the customs of the Chinese and Indians and vice-versa," he said when speaking at the "Love the Nation Programme With The Prime Minister" at the Bestari Secondary School, in Putrajaya.

Dr Mahathir said students must learn to preserve the country's peace from their school days and live together with the other races because in the event of a civil unrest, it was impossible to develop the country.

A total of 500 students from the Schools' Communication Club from Peninsular Malaysia attended the function.

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