

aims need reviewing, says Dr M

KUALA LUMPUR: The aims of Vision 2020 need to be reviewed to take into consideration the changes taking place around the world, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said yesterday.

The Prime Minister said Vision 2020 was formulated during the industrial age while the world had now moved into the information age.

"When we enunciated Vision 2020 in 1991, we set out to become an industrialised country ... to master the techniques of industrial countries so we would have the same industrial capacity.

"But today, in the information age, the techniques of the industrial age may not be suitable anymore.

"So, even before we reach Vision 2020, we may have to review our aims or we might not achieve what we want," he said after opening a dialogue on African leadership at the Putra World Trade Centre here.

Dr Mahathir said it was impossible to insulate or isolate people from new ideas in the information age.

He added, however, not all new ideas were good.

"If our people are exposed to bad values, we will destroy ourselves."

Earlier, he said Malaysia did not follow the western model of development because "they have forgotten what made them developed."

He said Malaysia chose Japan as a model because the people there were disciplined.