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Dr M tries hand at directing film

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION ... Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad took a playful stab at directing a movie scene on an Angkasapuri sound stage in Kuala Lumpur yesterday (picture one).

But his stint in the director's chair ended in hilarity when he accidentally called out "Action!" instead of "Cut!" to end the scene (picture two).

Actress and film director Erma Fatima (behind), who suggested that he take over the directing reins, could not suppress a smile over the Prime Minister's innocent gaffe (picture three).

Dr Mahathir laughingly admitted that he would probably make a terrible film director (picture four).

The scene being played out is an excerpt from a movie entitled Embun, which will begin filming in June.

Set in Malaya during the Japanese Occupation, the film centres around the title character, a kampung lass who falls in love with a Japanese officer.

Dr Mahathir was visiting Angkasapuri in conjunction with its 55th anniversary.

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