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Students advised to focus on academic pursuits

MALAYSIANS studying overseas were advised to fully concentrate on their studies and refrain from indulging in unhealthy and unfruitful activities.

Umno foreign club members said they were told to do this by Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who stressed that knowledge was the key to their success in life.

Dr Mahathir had a half-hour close-door meeting with the 36 students yesterday.

Chicago Umno Club committee member Ahmad Nazim Ali said Dr Mahathir reminded them that they were the next generation of leaders of the country.

"To be better leaders, he told us that knowledge was essential."

Zaki Zamani Abdul Rashid from the Ireland Umno Club said Dr Mahathir told them to concentrate on their studies.

"The meeting was very interesting as he shared with us his own experiences as a student."

Another student, Ahmad Arif Astaman from the UK and Eire Umno Club, said Dr Mahathir reminded them that the main problem with Malay students was that they did not study hard.

"He spoke to us on the relevant points in his opening address."

There are a total of 26 foreign Umno clubs.

At least 28 of them sent representatives to the general assembly.

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