

Put knowledge to good use, says Dr M

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KLJALA LUMPUR: Malaysians should not merely acquire knowledge but know also how to put them to good use, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said.

He said knowledge was important as it empowered the people but added that it could also be used to do evil things.

Using the knife as a comparison, Dr Mahathir said it could be used to carve the most beautiful objects in the hands of a craftsman.

"Yet, the same knife can be used to threaten the crew of an aircraft to crash and maim,

maybe even kill them and fly the aeroplane into the World Trade Centre," he said at the launch of the book, *Wings of Creativity* by the Lim Kok Wing Institute of Creative Technology at the Palace of Golden Horses here yesterday.

Dr Mahathir said there was no limit to what people could create with new ideas and technologies.

Earlier, Dr Mahathir said Malaysians must believe they, too, could be creative and develop new and better ideas.

These ideas, he said, would surface once the people had

shed their inferiority complex.

"We have always tried to do things not in the orthodox way, not in the way it has always been done, but to do things differently.

"Some people might think that in most multiracial societies, the people cannot get along with each other, they fight and sabotage each other.

"But in Malaysia, we have developed a way of bringing people together, we have creativity to show the world how the people play together, live together, and work together," he added.