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'Focus on work quality, not income'

BANGI, Tues: One must focus on the quality of work than an income in order to gain job satisfaction, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Mahathir said if a person works only for a salary, he will end up being disappointed.

"This is because no one is satisfied with the income he gets. A worker usually hopes to be paid more than what he is earning, and although his salary is raised, he will never be satisfied and will ask for more. This is human nature," he said in his speech at the opening of Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia's

Career Day here today

He said attitude is very important in making an organisation successful.

"If one's attitude is not suitable, it will not benefit the organisation."

Mahathir also advised graduates to adopt the right attitude before venturing into the outside world.

"To be able to work with people of different religions and races, one needs certain abilities to be able to adapt. Apprenticeship is important so that graduates can learn the nitty-gritties concerning their job," he said.

Mahathir said one cannot hope to become a mana-

ger of a company upon graduation, and that graduates must learn to adapt to the changes that await them when they start working.

"In public universities, there are many bumiputra students and lecturers compared with non-bumiputra.

"The situation is, however, different in the outside world, where graduates will sometimes have to work under non-bumiputra or non-Malay bosses," he said.

"If we don't know how to carry ourselves, we will not be able to work efficiently."

He said this has resulted in many complaints of discrimination from workers of certain races.