

Dr M's parting advice to overseas students

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STUDY hard, remember your culture, defend the dignity of your race and religion, and contribute towards the development of your country.

This was the farewell advice given by Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to Malaysian students overseas through representatives of Umno Overseas Clubs in a 90-minute meeting yesterday.

Forty-two delegates and 22 observers from 44 Umno Overseas Clubs worldwide attended the meeting on the sideline of the party's 54th general assembly.

Umno Overseas Club secretariat chairman Datuk Shafie

Apdal said Dr Mahathir stressed the need for students overseas to focus on increasing their knowledge in various fields.

"He reminded students about their role, and to become an educated and knowledgeable younger generation.

"He stressed the need to equip themselves with knowledge in various fields and *also* to master English."

Shafie said one of the issues raised by the students was about the Foreign Direct investments in the country.

He added Dr Mahathir gave them the assurance that the Government's stimulus package announced recently would

lead to the country's economic growth.

A representative from the Umno Overseas Club Surrey in Britain, Mohamad Nazari Ahmad said: "Dr Mahathir advised us to equip ourselves with knowledge and not to be involved in politics and other matters that would affect our studies.

"He also advised us to learn from history as it was important to understand the struggles of the past leaders."

Mohamad Nazari added that the meeting also touched on how the opposition exploited students overseas for their political agenda.