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Mahathir-Students

STUDENTS TOLD TO IMPROVE DISCIPLINE

MIRI, July 25 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said students throughout the country must improve self-discipline as this will ensure their success in life later.

The Prime Minister said strong self-discipline was the key in ensuring the students' success upon reaching adulthood and entering the job market, business or other fields.

"Without discipline, we will not succeed," he said when declaring open the new wing of Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan (SMK) Chung Hua Miri and launching its 50th anniversary celebrations, here.

SMK CHung Hua was set up in 1952 with 94 students and five teachers but now it has 2,400 students with 20 per cent comprising Bumiputeras.

The students were also encouraged to master three languages namely Bahasa Malaysia, English and Mandarin.

Explaining further the importance of discipline, the Prime Minister said many businessmen failed in their business ventures because they did not have strong self-discipline.

"The indisciplined group like to look for the easy and quick way of making profits and do their work according to their liking...and they fail," he said.

On mastering the English language, Dr Mahathir said what was needed was not merely being able to speak and communicate, but to master the language deeply.

"With a strong command of the English language, we can master whatever knowledge they have and undertake research for the benefit of the country," he said.

Dr Mahathir said that in addition, it was also important for Malaysians like the Chinese and Malays to know the Iban language as this would enhance racial solidarity in the country.

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