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DR MAHATHIR PROPOSES JAPANESE AND KOREAN UNIVERSITIES HERE

CYBERJAYA, April 18 (Bernama) -- Former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad today proposed the setting up of Japanese and Korean universities in Malaysia to enable a transfer of their technology on various sectors here.

He said the Government wanted to send more students to both countries, but they were unable to accommodate such requests due to lack of places there.

"That is the reason why we propose to set up Japanese and Korean universities here as they will help local students as well as those from developing countries in the region," he said at a reception held to honour him as the Father of the Look East Policy which he initiated on Feb 8, 1982.

The reception was organised by the Korean Graduates Alumni (AGIKO).

He was accompanied by his wife, Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali.

Dr Mahathir said the establishment of such universities would reduce the costs of studies and enable more students to pursue higher education.

"They are well disciplined, hard working, loyal to their employers and take pride in their work and they do not involve regularly in pickets or strikes. These are values that we hope to instil in students," he said.

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