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DR M LAMENTS ATTITUDE OF YOUNG GENERATION TOWARDS SCHOOLS

PUTRAJAYA, July 4 (Bernama) -- Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad today voiced out his concern that the younger generation now seems to think that going to school is a nuisance and a waste of time.

The former Prime Minister said school should be the place where knowledge was gained, good values were instilled and camaraderie among fellow students was forged.

"I wish that the new generation will value their school as it is the place that gives them a start in life," he said here at the signing of a joint venture agreement for the construction of the Sultan Abdul Hamid Old Collegians Association's (Sohaca) own building in Kelana Jaya.

Under the agreement signed by Sahoca and Syarikat Rahman Brothers Perumahan Sdn Bhd (SRBP), the association will get a RM4.5 million five-storey building that can be used for commercial purposes.

Dr Mahathir, who is Sahoca president, expressed hope that construction of the long-awaited structure would get off the ground soon.

"I have a bad habit of dropping by at construction sites. If I see that there's nobody there (at the building site in Kelana Jaya), somebody will feel the heat," he quipped.

The building is scheduled for completion in 2007, in time for the centenary celebration of the establishment of the Sultan Abdul Hamid College.

Signing for Sahoca was the alumni chairman for Sahoca Kuala Lumpur and Selangor, Datuk Syed Abdul Jabbar Shahabudin, while SRBP was represented by its executive chairman, Datuk Abdul Rahman Ibrahim.

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