

Master computers, educators told

TANJUNG MALIM, Tues. — Teachers should be taught the basics of writing software in keeping with the radical changes in learning methods, former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

"What is the use of educators if all knowledge can be acquired through computers and software?

"Educators should be taught to master computers and software, and to write their own software," he said at a special session of the Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris here today.

Dr Mahathir, who received an honorary doctorate for leadership and education development from UPSI chancellor Raja Permaisuri Perak Tuanku Bainun, called for a review of the education system, saying that it should be adapted to include sophisticated communication tools.

He said teaching methods for the classroom should still be taught as it would help in creating content for software programmes.

"However, ultimately classroom teaching skills may not be needed anymore as lessons would be taught using software, which would be simpler and better," he said.

Institutions which were training the educators should bear in mind the possibility that teachers, would only be trained to become research experts who use computer software programmes, he added.



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EXAMPLE:
Dr Mahathir
signing autographs
after the special
session of UPSI's
sixth convocation.
Behind him is Dr
Siti Hasmah.