



**VIP VISITOR:** Amirul Syafiz Shahruhlizal, seven, (left) and Norsyawati Abdul Nasser, nine, children of Perodua staff who were manning the car manufacturer's booth at the fair are pleasantly surprised by the arrival of Abdullah who asked them about their game of congkak. — NST picture by Kamil Rahim

## 'Understand nature of unit trusts'

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with funds of more than RM60 billion. Most of its investments are in the stock market.

Abdullah, who is also Finance Minister, said that the net value of unit trust assets rose by more than 31 per cent in 2003.

"This performance has been most encouraging and one which I hope will grow by leaps and bounds," he added.

Investors needed to have a proper understanding of how unit trusts worked before making investment choices, he cautioned.

They had to understand that the performance of the unit trust was closely associated with the performance of houses, which in turn depended on market sentiment and the prevailing economic scenario.