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Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad posing with a student after a dialogue session with students at the National Permata Pintar Centre at Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia in Bangi yesterday. Pic by Rosela Ismail

Dr M: Positive values key to Vision 2020

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BANGI: Former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad yesterday urged Malaysians to hold on to positive values to assist in nation building.

“I am confident we will achieve Vision 2020 if all parties hold on to positive values,” he said after a dialogue session with students at the National Permata Pintar Centre in Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia.

Dr Mahathir said the public should also give importance to job satisfaction in ensuring the goal was reachable.

“Many Malaysians work for money and do not have the luxury of job satisfaction.”

Dr Mahathir added that job satisfaction was an important tool in further developing the nation towards positive growth.

Earlier, answering a question from a student on what he would do for the betterment of the nation, he said he would enhance the punishment for corrupt individuals.

“This may seem like a minor issue but it is crucial towards nation building.”

Dr Mahathir also said the National Permata Pintar Centre was an ideal educational institute to create students who would be able to compete in the international arena.

He added that knowledge should be used in the right manner to play a part in developing the nation.

“When used for the wrong reasons, without the presence of positive values, we will see more weapons of mass destruction created.”

Present was Dr Mahathir’s wife, Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali.