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## Tie up with Indonesian varsity

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**PUTRAJAYA:** The Perdana Leadership Foundation is helping Universitas Bung Karno (UBK) of Indonesia to forge partnerships and close ties with local universities, said former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

He said they had expressed interest in the fields of management, oil and gas, and technology.

“We (Perdana Leadership Foundation) are just the enablers to help foster relationships with Universiti Utara Malaysia, Universiti Petronas and Multimedia University,” he said after a courtesy call from Rachmawati Soekarnoputri and UBK representatives.

The private university was set up in 1999 by Yayasan Pendidikan Soekarno headed by Rachmawati.

Mahathir said the benchmarking of local universities is done by foreigners therefore they are working with UBK to decide how to benchmark each other’s institutions of higher learning.

He said that they hoped to sign a memorandum of understanding as soon as possible so that they can start working on establishing ties between varsities. – by **Rajvinder Singh**



Rachmawati calls on Mahathir.