

# Skilled workforce key to future success: Tun M

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**PETALING JAYA:** A well-trained, competitive and resourceful workforce is the basis of a nation's future success, said Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

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He said developed nations have been successful because they have made the development of human capital, especially in the technical field, their priority.

"The workforce must be allowed to explore and be given greater exposure to areas with the latest technical and technological developments," he said in his pre-recorded speech to mark the National Technical Professional Day.

He said one of the strategies of the Shared Prosperity Vision 2030 is to focus on the transformation of human capital to ensure the workforce is more productive, skilled and technologically competent.

"Developed nations such as Japan, the US and Germany have placed emphasis science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) and technical and vocational education and training (TVET) and have made it their main education agenda to produce more technical professionals.

"We, too, are emphasizing STEM and TVET and 44% of our students have made STEM their priority but the government hopes 60% of students in the future will choose STEM." - by **Rajvinder Singh**