

Choose right leaders with right values, says Dr M

BANGI: Choose the right leaders with the right values, if not, the country will end up being led by an "Adolf Hitler", says Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

The Prime Minister said if the nation chose rightly, then it could be propelled into a world power.

"If you choose the wrong leader

with bad character, the society will be in trouble.

"Germans are clever people in the engineering and technology fields, but at one point of time they chose a leader called Adolf Hitler.

"From a highly regarded nation, they became a lowly nation.

"He brought them to war. Many

more leaders brought their nations into ruin. If the wrong leaders are chosen, the society will crumble," Dr Mahathir said when he launched the first alumni convention of the Malaysia Future Leaders School (MFLS) attended by about 2,000 teenagers at Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia here yesterday.

MFLS, a programme inspired by the Japan Future Leaders School, was initiated by Dr Mahathir last May to train future leaders with the right values.

The alumni currently number 1,600 youths.

"Leaders with high values will raise great civilisations in society,"

said Dr Mahathir, who pointed out how Peter the Tsar of Russia transformed his country into a world power through education.

He added that leaders must use their intelligence to control their humanly desires as the latter may bring about the fall of a nation.

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