



**STARTING IT OFF:** Dr Mahathir launching the ALEPS foundation at the dinner. With him is ALEPS president Zaba Youn.

# Dr M urges Japan to set up varsity here

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**KUALA LUMPUR, Wed.** — Former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad has called on the Japanese Government to consider setting up a university in Malaysia to reduce the cost of studying in Japan for Malaysian students.

He said the Japanese would own and run the university with their culture and way of life to bring in the authenticity of universities in Japan.

“The cost of studies will be much lower for Malaysians. Students from other countries will also be able to study here and enjoy the benefits

too,” he said at an appreciation dinner for his contributions to the Look East policy by the Alumni of Look East Policy Society (ALEPS) tonight.

Dr Mahathir said he proposed setting up the university as it was costlier now to send students to study in Japan.

He added that Malaysian graduates of Japanese universities were more dedicated to work than those trained in the West.

“We have noted that their attitude differs quite a lot from those trained in other countries,” he said.