

Dr M says poor quality of varsities due to haste
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Malaysia's ability to set up higher education institutions has not been matched by the quality of education offered, and all because it has been done in haste.

"I feel the development of these institutions was too fast... to get teachers, lecturers, professors," said outspoken former premier Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad (pic) today.

He said that while the teachers hired were qualified, it was a possibility that they might have been "probably lacking in certain areas".

Dr Mahathir, who was speaking at a press conference in Bandar Sunway today, was commenting on the QS World University rankings published by Quacquarelli Symonds which showed that Malaysian public universities had dropped in ranking.

Universiti Malaya was the sole local institution ranked among the top 200 universities although it had dropped from 156 in 2012 to 167 this year.

Commenting on the RM20 million that was paid to international consultancy firm McKinsey and Co for the National Education Blueprint, Dr Mahathir said in his usual acerbic style, "I can also be a local expert, but no one wants to give me the consultancy job."

Opposition politicians had criticised the ministry over the sum paid to the firm, pointing out that it could have been done by local experts within the ministry.

Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, who is also the Education Minister, later defended the decision to hire the firm, saying, "It was not something we could have done on our own." - September 27, 2013.

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