

**It's possible, we could have a woman PM some day, says Dr M  
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*Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today that he does not discount the possibility of a female prime minister leading Malaysia in the future, considering that there are currently more women in the universities and the administration.*

The country's longest-serving prime minister said that the Federal Constitution did not stop women from taking on the role if there was majority support from the party and the people.

"There is nothing in the constitution that prevents women from becoming the prime minister," he said in his speech at "The Woman Extraordinaire Forum 2014" in Bukit Kiara.

"If she can get the majority support from the people or the party, there will not be any hindrance."

Dr Mahathir said the current scenario has changed where there are more women in management who were more educated than men.

"Now, we see more women in management, every ministry has women. In fact, it is also apparent that there are more women than men in universities," he said.

Dr Mahathir also said the situation showed that more women had important roles compared to men, who were becoming less educated.

"In a university, sometimes there are 70% women and only 30% men. This clearly shows that women played a more important role than men.

"Men nowadays are less educated than women," he added.

According to Dr Mahathir, a woman's role these days was not only focused on taking care of their family but they are also taking on more powerful roles.

"Now more power is determined by women, not only at home but also in daily life, such as in the government.

"The newly-elected Brazil president is a woman. This is what the future will look like."

Looking at the role of women in Malaysia, Dr Mahathir said there were more and more successful women in the country, be it in government or in private.

"In Malaysia, we see at least one woman being elected into the Cabinet, this doesn't happen (just) anywhere.

"But in Malaysia, we have already acknowledged that women can contribute towards the country's administration," he said.

Dr Mahathir also stressed that women in Malaysia and in other countries had more integrity compared to men.

"Part of the jobs that are exposed to corruption should be given to women as they would do a better job," he added. – October 29, 2014.

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