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# Dr M: Teach good living values

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## Introduce subject in schools and institutes of higher learning, he urges

**ALOR STAR:** Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad has urged schools and higher learning institutes to introduce a subject on noble living values.

The former Prime Minister said inculcating good living values would help secure a better future for the people and the nation, and that it was also important to instil good race relations.

"The success of a nation depends

on its people. We must build a society that is diligent and trustworthy," Dr Mahathir said, adding that good moral values taught by parents were not complete as they did not explain why certain things were good or bad.

He said this in his keynote address on *Strategic Plans For Higher Studies* during a national-level Higher Learning Institute Development workshop at Universiti Utara

Malaysia's EDC Hotel in Sintok on Saturday.

He said Japan achieved great success within a short period of time because its people were hard working, trustworthy and loyal to the companies that employed them.

"Japanese companies such as Sony became global players, outshining established companies in other developed countries because of good work ethics," he said.

Dr Mahathir said the culture of job-hopping was not good.

"Vietnam is increasingly popular among investors because its people are known to be hard working and disciplined at work," he said, adding that the Vietnamese were also fast learners.

Dr Mahathir said Vietnam might one day be more successful than Malaysia because its people had the right attitude at work.

He also said bad leaders were a liability to a country.

During a question and answer session, a participant claimed that students were bribing lecturers in the university where he was studying.

"How to compete healthily in such an environment?" he asked.

Dr Mahathir said it was difficult to check corruption when givers and takers did not admit to committing such acts.