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Polls won't be too long from now, says Dr M

FORMER prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad feels that the 13th general election will be held soon as the situation "looks good" for the ruling coalition.

"It won't be too long into the future because there isn't much time left.

"We only have until middle of next year.

"If we think we can win, we can call for elections," he told reporters after attending Universiti Utara Malaysia's (UUM) 28th Anniversary, here, yesterday.

"Even now, it looks good."

In his speech, Mahathir said leaders should not only be adept at administering the country but also in managing its finances, economy and scientific matters, skills needed to prevent it from going bankrupt, he said.

"That is why Malaysia allocated 25 per cent of its annual budget to education," he said.

"This is an investment for the future because we are confident that if the people have proper education, they will be able to develop the country more rapidly."

He said people were aware of their responsibility to constantly seek knowledge, adding that each year, the applications to pursue studies in private and public institutions of higher learning had been on the increase. — Bernama