

PM thanks leaders who made way for new faces

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KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. — Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today thanked MCA and MIC leaders who were not included in the list of candidates for the general election for allowing new candidates to contest. "I am grateful to them for giving way to others. We are happy that they have accepted well the decision that they not seek re-election."

Dr Mahathir said their services were appreciated, but in an election it was normal to select new candidates to stand.

"Even in Umno, there are new candidates," he said in reply to questions from reporters about the selection of candidates in the MCA and MIC line-up.

He had earlier launched a new magazine, *Khidmat*,

which is jointly published by the Malaysian Administrative Modernisation and Management Planning Unit (Mampu) at the Dewan Hussein Onn, the Putra World Trade Centre, here.

Dr Mahathir said he would meet Datuk S. Subramaniam who yesterday resigned as MIC deputy president and Federal

Territory chairman on being excluded from the party list.

On the formation of a second electoral pact between Semangat 46, the DAP, PRM, All-Malaysia Indian Progressive Front (AMIPF) and the Malaysian Solidarity Party, Dr Mahathir said: "We expected this ... speaking in different languages."