

# Book on Dr Mahathir's quotable quotes on sale

KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. — A book of quotable quotes made by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad was launched today by the Prime Minister's wife, Datin Seri Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali.

The launching of *Mahathir: The Awakening* by Labuan-based *Bernama* correspondent Govin Alagasari was made more memorable by the fact that it took place on the same day as the announcement on the dissolution of Parliament by Dr Mahathir.

This coincidence was pointed out by Primary Industries Minister Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik, who had been invited to make introductory remarks prior to the launch of the book at the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC) here.

Dr Lim said it was evi-

dent from the quotes that Dr Mahathir's views and opinions had been consistent since his early years as Prime Minister.

"His passion, conviction and love for the country is clearly evident in these pages," he said.

"His vision has always been, you can say, 2020," quipped Dr Lim.

Later, Dr Siti Hasmah was presented with the first print edition of the book by Sabah Shipyard Sdn Bhd chairman Tan Sri Ghazali Shafie.

Speaking after the launch, Govin said it took him a year to compile the book, collecting excerpts from the Prime Minister's speech texts, newspaper reports and electronic media broadcasts.

He said the concept for the book was his own and that most of the books on

Dr Mahathir today dealt with his political or economic achievements.

Govin hoped his book would be especially useful to foreigners and the nation's youth so that they could gain an insight on the Prime Minister just by reading what he had said.

Published by Saba Shipyard, *Mahathir: The Awakening*, is a compilation of 600 quotations by Dr Mahathir over 350 subjects since he became Prime Minister in 1981.

Priced at RM138 (hard cover) and RM28 (paperback), the book contains 40 colour pictures taken of the Prime Minister both at home and abroad.

It also contains quotes by other leaders about Dr Mahathir and the Prime Minister's own views on his leadership style.