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Last clocking out for assistant to four Prime Ministers

FAREWELL ... Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's personal assistant Khamisah Sabdin (right) clocking out for the last time at the Prime Minister's Department yesterday, while the Dr Mahathir (on her right) looks on.

Khamisah, 57, has served as a stenographer under three previous Prime Ministers - Tunku Abdul Rahman, Tun Abdul Razak and Tun Hussein Onn - before becoming a personal assistant to Dr Mahathir when he took office in 1981.

She began her career as a typist in 1959 with the department before being promoted to a stenographer in 1965.

Based on her excellent service to the department, she was offered a two-year contract on reaching the retirement age in 1995.

Khamisah is married to Yahaya Mohamad and has five children and two grandchildren.

Speaking to reporters later, she expressed her surprise at the farewell ceremony held for her and also the presence of the Prime Minister.

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