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GOH CONGRATULATES DR MAHATHIR ON ELECTION VICTORY

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 1 (Bernama) -- Singapore Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong has congratulated Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on the Barisan Nasional's victory in the just concluded 10th general election.

In his message to the prime minister, Goh said with the victory, Dr Mahathir have the renewed mandate to lead Malaysia into the new millennium.

"I extend to you and the Barisan Nasional my warmest congratulations on your hard-fought victory. You have once again shown your political acumen," Goh said.

A copy of his message was faxed to Bernama by the Singapore High Commission, here, today.

Goh said the victory also reflected the people's confidence in Dr Mahathir's leadership and his policies.

"You set out to win the general election with at least a two-thirds majority in Parliament. You have done so convincingly.

"The people of Malaysia have clearly demonstrated their confidence in your leadership and policies, in particular, for the exceptional way you have turned the Malaysian economy around after it was hit by the financial crisis," Goh said.

Goh said that with the elections over, he hoped both of them can resume their efforts to further strengthen the existing close ties.

"Now that the elections are over, let us resume our efforts to further strengthen the close ties between our two countries," he said.

In the general election, the BN was returned to power with a comfortable two-thirds majority, winning 148 of the 193 parliamentary seats.

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