

All parties have their own problems, says Dr M

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SUBANG: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad refused to comment on the controversy surrounding the purchase of Nanyang Press Holdings Bhd by MCA-owned Huaren Holdings Sdn Bhd when asked on his return from Japan yesterday.

Pressed to comment on the problems facing the MCA following the takeover of *Nanyang Siang Pau* and *China Press*, he said:

"We all have problems. All parties have problems. We will solve our problems," he said.

When asked to comment on Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi's recent statement that MCA should resolve their internal problems as it would affect Barisan Nasional if the problem persisted, Dr Mahathir said:

"Yes, if we all have problems which erode the party, then it would affect the coalition."

On Umno, Dr Mahathir said the new Umno treasurer will be announced "as soon as possible."

"Sometimes what is possible is not easy," he said, when asked how soon and if the announcement would be made before the Umno general assembly on June 20.

On his trip, Dr Mahathir said it was a good one as he had an opportunity to visit the research laboratories of the NTT Communications and meet the new Japanese government leaders.

"I visited the laboratories for about two hours and saw four projects that would be relevant to our efforts in setting up e-government and e-commerce," he said.

Dr Mahathir said NTT is one of the most advanced IT companies and the fact that they were the first foreign company to set up their research centre in Cyberjaya proved that the Multimedia Super Corridor was a success.