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DR MAHATHIR SOUGHT AFTER FOR HIS IDEAS

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 31 (Bernama) -- The Dewan Rakyat was today told that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's presence at international conferences is eagerly awaited because leaders want to seek his ideas and views.

Speaking in the House during Question Time, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Noh Omar said the Prime Minister was looked up to for his ideas.

"We have to accept the fact that Dr Mahathir sets the trend. Whatever policy he draws up is now emulated," he told Datuk Mohd Ali Hassan (BN-Tebrau).

Noh said Malaysia declined the advice of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) when it was facing a slowdown and drew up its own financial policies and now Malaysia's policies as crafted by Dr Mahathir were recognised by the IMF.

Noh said up to this point no opposition leader from this country had received world recognition.

On the average, the Prime Minister attended forums twice a month.

Replying to Abdul Rahman Yusof (Keadilan-Kemaman), he said Dr Mahathir attended 33 international level fora last year and 21 more so far this year.

They included 24 fora organised by the government and local bodies and 30 by corporate and international organisations.

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