

# Mahathir-Bush ties 'bode well for the people'

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PUTRAJAYA: The new understanding struck between Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and United States President George W. Bush bodes well for the people of both countries, said MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik.

He said when the leaders of two countries got along, ties between the people would also improve.

"When two leaders get along very well, the two nations will naturally follow. If the two top leaders don't, their nations won't.

"This time, the Prime Minister and George Bush got along very well, with a deeper understanding, and a deeper appreciation of each other," he told reporters after a visit by Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Syed

Sirajuddin Syed Putra Jamalullail to the Transport Ministry yesterday.

In Petaling Jaya, Housing and Local Government Minister Datuk Seri Ong Ka Ting said Dr Mahathir's visit was very significant as it resulted in Malaysia and the United States forging a good relationship after some strained ties.

He said Dr Mahathir also made the country proud because the United States had shown great respect and recognition towards Malaysia.

"I want to take this opportunity to congratulate the Prime Minister and I think all Malaysians should feel proud that Malaysia and the Prime Minister received a lot of respect and recognition from this super power," he said.