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South Korean official praises our politics

KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. - A senior election official from South Korea today praised Malaysia's democratic system under Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, saying that its unified policy in a multi-racial country is an achievement.

South Korea's election standing deputy commissioner Kim Seong Moo made a comparison to the situation in South Korea which, despite being a homogenous country, still had difficulty formulating a unified policy.

Kim spoke to the Press after leading a delegation to a meeting with the Umno Youth executive committee at the Umno headquarters here.

He also said the fact that Dr Mahathir has enjoyed a long tenure as Prime Minister showed that he is very popular and that his leadership is excellent.

"His leadership of Umno is also very impressive, as evidenced by the country's youth's interest in politics. I am confident the party is going in the right direction and it will succeed based on his leadership."

Present at the Press conference were Umno Youth secretary Zulkifli Alwi and the movement's international affairs bureau head Dr Shamsul Anwar Sulaiman.

Zulkifli said during the meeting with the South Korean delegation, Kim said he was impressed with Malaysia's handling of the 1998 economic crisis, especially how the country was able to bounce back from the crisis and continue to develop, without the help of the International Monetary Fund.

He also said Umno Youth stressed the contributions of Korean companies to the development of Malaysia's manufacturing sector.

He added Umno Youth also briefed the South Koreans on the party's struggles.