

# 'Set up institute to study Dr M's thoughts'

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** It would be timely to set up an institute of political thought named after Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to study and analyse his political legacy, said Wanita Umno chief Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz.

Rafidah said she had discussed the idea with Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and suggested that the project should be a national one involving all sectors.

The institute could also include Occidental studies in its curriculum and analyse the thoughts of political thinkers from other parts of the world, said Rafidah, who is International Trade

and Industry Minister.

Umno vice-president Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak had suggested during the party general assembly that a School of Occidental Studies be set up to understand Europeans and their ways.

Rafidah added that the institute should focus on perusing and analysing Dr Mahathir's thoughts so that his political legacy could be handed over to younger leaders for future application.

The institute, which can be called Mahathir Institute of Political Thought, must study the Prime Minister's thoughts and make public the analysis for the young to know and benefit from

his political foresight," she said after launching her ministry's family day yesterday.

Meanwhile, MCA deputy president Datuk Chan Kong Choy said his party would heed Dr Mahathir's advice at the Umno general assembly because it applied to all Barisan Nasional component parties.

"It is a good piece of advice, especially to the MCA, where we have just come out of a three-year internal problem," he said.

"No one can destroy the MCA but it is the members themselves who can destroy the MCA."