

# Gerakan bestows title upon Dr M

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Gerakan has bestowed the title "Father of Modernisation" upon Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for his 22 years of exemplary leadership.

Gerakan president Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik conferred the honour upon the Prime Minister during the party's 32nd national delegates conference at Menara PGRM yesterday.

In his speech themed "The Mahathir Legacy," Dr Lim touched on Dr Mahathir's successes in economic and foreign policy, his social development achievements, and the Vision

2020 and Bangsa Malaysia goals.

Describing Dr Mahathir's long political career as nothing short of a grand adventure filled with challenges, heart-stopping moments and controversies, Dr Lim said the premier survived expulsion from Umno, faced stiff challenges against his leadership as Umno president and Prime Minister.

He said even noted writer Dr Alvin Toffler had commended Dr Mahathir for his achievement in "holding a complex, multiethnic state together in relative peace, in a world

stained by ethnic cleansing."

Dr Lim said Dr Mahathir's winning formula had kept the 14-party Barisan Nasional united with his "no winner takes all, no loser loses all."

In 1997, internal and foreign forces attacked Dr Mahathir for his criticism against currency speculators and for his unorthodox measures to stop the speculators, he said.

Dr Lim also described Dr Mahathir as a visionary, an innovator, a master strategist and a creator with the foresight of leading a country into the future.