

# Stay united, Pak Lah tells Umno

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi has called on all Umno members to continue efforts to unite as demonstrated by the party president's leadership.

"Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir (Mohamad) has shown a style of leadership which has brought great recognition to the Malay race," he said in his speech at the breaking of fast at the Putra World Trade Centre last night.

Abdullah said the party was grateful for Dr Mahathir's contributions to the people.

"We will continue to support him," he said, adding that Dr Mahathir would still contribute to the party after he retires.

Abdullah said members should continue to work together to overcome the party's struggles.

"All members must remain united so that no one will be left behind," he said.

At the same function, Dr Mahathir urged Umno members not to be satisfied with their current achievements and to instil positive values to reap further success.

"We must have values that are ingredients for success. We

must be disciplined, hardworking and humble," he told the 5,000 members present.

Dr Mahathir said people who were humble would identify their own weaknesses and learn from their mistakes or failures. "Success is not based on skin colour but on the willingness to work hard and face various challenges."

Dr Mahathir also thanked party members for their co-operation and in remaining united, noting that this was the "best form of thanks" he had received as an outgoing party president.

Later, he attended the *maghrib* and *terawih* prayers.