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Gerakan-Declaration

GERAKAN THANKS DR M FOR HIS IMMENSE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COUNTRY

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 24 (Bernama) -- The Gerakan today passed a special resolution expressing its heartfelt gratitude to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for his immense and immeasurable contributions to the country over the last two decades. Dr Mahathir retires at the end of October.

It is contained in a 10-point declaration adopted at the end of the party's 32nd National Delegates Conference (NDC) here. It was opened yesterday by Dr Mahathir who is also the Barisan Nasional (BN) Chairman.

The party, the fourth major component of the ruling BN, also approved a resolution, supporting Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi as the incoming Prime Minister.

Conference speaker Datuk Dr Chin Fook Weng said all the resolutions were adopted unanimously by the delegates when they were tabled for approval.

The conference also pledged to realise Vision 2020 and struggle for the creation of a Bangsa Malaysia.

It called on party members to request all Malaysians to adopt a new mental regime which focused on excellence, innovation, self-actualisation and continuous improvement.

The delegates also endorsed efforts to assist Malaysia achieve the status of a truly developed nation with solid commitment to the rule of law, democratic practices, high moral and ethical values, just economic and social policies.

Gerakan also pledged to respect gender equality and uphold universal human rights and good governance.

They also pledged their commitment to promote life-long learning especially among unskilled adult Malaysians by offering equal opportunities in education and access to training and personal development.

The delegates also objected to all forms of racial and religious extremism and chauvinism and all acts of terrorism as well as aggression and unsanctioned and illegal wars.

The delegates pledged their support for programmes, projects and efforts to improve and enhance inter-ethnic relations and promote national unity through mutual respect and tolerance.

The conference also declared unconditional support for the party's leadership to undertake measures and implement strategies to lead Gerakan into the 21st century.

The delegates also adopted the Gerakan Action Plan for 2003.

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