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SABAH PAYS TRIBUTE TO DR MAHATHIR

KOTA KINABALU, Oct 17 (Bernama) -- Chief Minister Datuk Seri Musa Aman today paid tribute to the Prime Minister's leadership and his ability to raise Malaysia to heights which every Malaysian could be proud of.

Tabling the 2004 Budget at the State Legislative Assembly here, he said the Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's policies had brought about development to all sectors in the country.

"On behalf of the Sabah Government and people, I would sincerely like to express the highest gratitude and appreciation to Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for his leadership and contributions, to Sabah specifically and Malaysia generally," he said.

Musa, who is also Sabah Finance Minister, said that Dr Mahathir, who was retiring at the end of this month, had always given attention to Sabah's development throughout the 22 years of his administration.

Musa also expressed Sabah's full support for Dr Mahathir's successor, Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

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