

Book on Dr M's skills in mentoring launched

KUALA LUMPUR: *Passing the Baton from Dr Mahathir to Abdullah Ahmad Badawi* is all about the form and substance involved in handing over the reins from a mentor to a protegee, according to the book's author, Datuk Dr Ismail Noor.

"The essence of the book is about the skills of executive mentoring exacted by Dr Mahathir, the CEO of Malaysia Incorporated.

"It also looks at other aspects related to the leadership transition process such as the concept of loyalty, humility, perseverance, prioritising, confronting challenges, managing perceptions and continuity planning," he said at the book's launching by International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz at Universiti Malaya.

Rafidah's speech was read by her ministry's parliamentary secretary Datuk Ho Cheong Sing.

She said the smooth transition

this country witnessed on Oct 31 last year was in large part a commendation to the way Barisan Nasional manages the country.

"The relay cannot be won by one person alone. For the race to be won, there must be careful planning, commitment towards the common goal and precise execution of the plan. Every member of the team has a role to play regardless of whether one is the anchor or the starter," she said.

Dr Ismail, who took six months to complete the book, said it was based on his observations, opinions from people he interviewed and other sources such as excerpts and comments in the mass media.

The book gives a chronology of events in the 18 months before the handing over of duties on Oct 31.

Priced at RM100 per copy, the 192-page hardcover book is published by Thinker's Library in a limited edition of 1,000 copies.