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BOOK ON EVENTS DURING 16-MONTH TRANSITION OF POWER

PETALING JAYA, Jan 9 (Bernama) -- Events that took place in the country during the 16-month transition of power have been documented in detail in a book entitled "Passing the Baton".

The book, written by Datuk Dr Ismail Noor, also included the challenges and pressure faced by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and his feelings during the transitional period and how he handled them.

The events, which are considered unique and seldom happened, covered the period right from the early stage, that is, from the day Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad announced that he was stepping down as Prime Minister in June 2002 and named Abdullah as his successor, until Abdullah assumed the premiership on Oct 31, 2003.

Dr Ismail said the book also described the feelings of both leaders and Dr Mahathir's hopes for Abdullah, and the reasons for choosing Abdullah as his (Dr Mahathir's) successor.

Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of International Trade and Industry Datuk Ir Ho Cheong Sing represented his minister, Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz in launching the book.

The special edition of the 182-page book, "Passing the Baton", is now available at MPH Bookstore throughout the country at RM100 per copy.

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