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Dr M proposed for post of UN Secretary-General

PEOPLE'S Progressive Party Youth has suggested the appointment of former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad as United Nations Secretary-General.

Chief T. Murugiah made the proposal in view of Dr Mahathir's position as a globally respected and admired leader. He said Dr Mahathir's ideas and contributions should not stop within Malaysia but be spread in the international arena.

"PPP Youth praises Tun Dr Mahathir not because of Putrajaya, the Petronas Twin Towers or the KLIA, but for his expertise in uniting Malaysians of all races," Murugiah said at the PPP Youth general assembly.

The movement also urged the Government to award datukship to the first Malaysians to conquer Mount Everest - M. Magendran and N. Mohanadas.

Eighteen resolutions were passed at the PPP Youth general assembly, including one to increase the number of local councillors. It also wants eight parliamentary and 18 State assembly seats to contest in the coming general election.

Among the other resolutions passed were urging:

- \* the Government to increase the qualifying age for driving licences from 17 to 20.

- \* the Government to impose heavier mandatory penalties for traffic offenders

- \* local councillors, non-governmental organisations and police to conduct anti-gangsterism campaigns.

- \* parents, media and schools to play an active role in eradicating triads.

- \* the Government to ban illegal samsu and for the Government to standardise the eligibility requirements for the text book loan schemes for all types of schools, including vernacular schools.