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Wanita pays tribute to Dr M in motion of thanks

PAYING tribute to Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Wanita Umno chief Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz said the Umno president was "a hands-on leader and party warrior" who had become an important institution in the people's lives.

"He puts his hands on the right things and under his able two-decade leadership, the economic profile of the country has changed radically".

Last year, Rafidah said, Malaysia was ranked fourth in the world as a country with the most competitive economy.

Dr Mahathir had also turned Malaysia from commodity-based into an industrialised country where more than 80 per cent of its exports comprised manufactured goods.

"It is just too difficult to list down his vast contribution. As a captain of a ship in stormy weather, he has been able to steer the ship safely with all his wisdom and commitment".

Debating a motion of thanks for the president's speech, Rafidah said Dr Mahathir's approaches had enabled the country to go through endless challenges and threats.

Rafidah, who was the first speaker in the debate, added that Dr Mahathir's speeches which he made clearly all this years indicated the condition the country was in.

The speeches were also an insight into Dr Mahathir's thoughts.

"He always touches on unity, sincerity in fighting for the party, discipline and loyalty. He serves as a bridge, linking the generations before and after independence".

Wanita Umno also paid tribute to Datuk Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali whom Rafidah said had taken good care of her husband, thus enabling him to bring the country to where it was today.