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Snippets

* AMID loud welcoming cheers, delegates at the assembly could not help but feel a tinge of sadness, knowing this would be the last assembly to be opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who is scheduled to step down in October. "We will miss him. Dr Mahathir has always been my mentor and I am sure he is to many others as well. However, I am sure the MCA will be as co-operative to Dr Mahathir's successor Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi when he takes over," said a delegate.

* THE 50th MCA annual general assembly was summed up by a veteran member from Selangor as a "truly historical gathering", considering it was the first after the end of the Team A-Team B crisis and also the last to be opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad. "Hopefully we will not see a resurgence of the two teams in the 2005 party elections," said the veteran member.

* DESPITE a reminder to delegates to turn off or put on silent mode their mobile phones, several delegates apparently forgot or were simply incorrigible. Throughout the day, mobile-phones could be heard ringing - and being answered - as delegates were giving their speeches. Strangely, nobody seemed to mind.