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Proposal for Dr Mahathir institute

KELANTAN Umno chief Datuk Mustapa Mohamed has proposed the setting up of a Dr Mahathir Mohamad Thinking Institute to study the Prime Minister's ideas and system of governance.

He said Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir had contributed tremendously to the country, sometimes by using unconventional methods initially thought to be unworkable.

"When the financial crisis hit us in the late 1990s, Dr Mahathir blamed currency speculators for the regional economic problems. He was then criticised but later, even the West acknowledged the validity of his arguments," said Mustapa who is also Jeli division head when debating the motion of thanks on the president's address yesterday.