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To Dr M from a 10-year-old

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THOUGH I am only 10, I would like to express my gratitude to Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who has brought much prosperity to Malaysia and put it on the world map.

I am proud to be Malaysian as we are now known as one of the fastest developing countries. I still have not experienced the latest and the best in Kuala Lumpur as I live in Ipoh, but watching TV and reading the newspapers, I can say Malaysia is just like the Western countries.

I started recognising our PM's photo while I was still a toddler. My mum would ask me who our PM was and I would eagerly answer her "Datuk Mahathir" (though my pronunciation was not that clear at that age!).

It is sad to hear he will be retiring, but he has contributed so much to the nation, and he now deserves all the rest he can get.

I hope I can shake hands with him and perhaps have a photo taken with