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Newspaper's tribute `best way to thank a great leader'

KUALA LUMPUR, Sat. - The Malay Mail's "Tribute to our Prime Minister" campaign is the best way to say thank you to a great leader, Christine Vong said today.

Vong, 28, who had placed a message from herself and friends Joan Tai and Joey Lim at the MM booth in Sunway Pyramid, said: "I have always admired Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad. He has sacrificed so much and worked nearly all his life for Malaysia. And no matter what the problems faced by the country, he always found a solution.

"What I find admirable is that he worked for the country until an old age," she added.

Also present at the booth were disc jockeys Gary "The Scamboy" Ratnam and Nigel "The Greenman" Green from Radio Four's The BreakFirst Show. They had also submitted dedications to the Prime Minister.

"I learnt from Dr Mahathir that whenever there is a problem, or when others say that something cannot be done, you should first find out why the problem exists and then correct the situation," Green said.

The Prime Minister "has many admirable traits and has brought much progress to Malaysia. We should all thank him."

Ratnam said Dr Mahathir had taught him to appreciate people for what they are.

"Dr Mahathir's policies have shown that we should ignore a person's ethnic background and see him or her as a fellow Malaysian," he said.

Those who have yet to send messages may do so at participating shopping complexes, the New Straits Times, The Malay Mail, www.nstpclassifieds.nstp.com.my or at any New Straits Times Press (M) Bhd branch office.