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SAPP HAILS ASCENSION OF ABDULLAH, SALUTES DR MAHATHIR

KOTA KINABALU, Oct 31 (Bernama) -- The Sabah Progressive Parti (SAPP)

has welcomed the appointment of Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi as the fifth Prime Minister of Malaysia and expressed confidence that he would lead Malaysia into a new era of stability and progress.

"SAPP salutes the contributions of Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad whose 22 years in office has transformed Malaysia and catapulted the country onto the world stage, both in terms of moral leadership and progress as a developing country," SAPP Secretary-General Richard Yong said in a statement.

He said that Dr Mahathir had made all Malaysians proud, dignified and self-confident.

"His work ethics and uncompromising sense of mission are an inspiration to Malaysians striving to attain the objective of Vision 2020, which is Mahathir's brainchild," he said.

Dr Mahathir has reinforced the foundation of the country's political and economic structure and SAPP was optimistic that upon this foundation Abdullah would build a stronger and a more vibrant Malaysia, he said.

"SAPP congratulates (Abdullah) Badawi's ascension to the Prime Minister's post. His decades of experience in politics and Government will stand him in good stead.

"As a component party of Barisan Nasional, SAPP looks forward to taking up new and more meaningful roles under Abdullah's stewardship to help strengthen the coalition," Yong said.

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