

**Dr M ends up in Melbourne hospital**  
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MELBOURNE: Dr Mahathir Mohamad has been admitted to a hospital here last night for "flu and cough".

The former Malaysian Prime Minister is now resting at the Epworth Hospital.

In an SMS reply, Dr Mahathir's special officer Sufi Yusof confirmed that the former prime minister was admitted to the hospital for observation due to flu and cough.

Dr Mahathir, 85, arrived here a few days ago to address a seminar on human development organised by the Australia Melbourne Umno Club at the University of Melbourne on Saturday.

Bernama reported that he was scheduled to share his opinion and idea on the topic "Are We Ready for 1Malaysia: Does Race Still Play A Part?"

(1Malaysia is a guiding principle to build a united and progressive nation in the 21st Century by inculcating the spirit and values of togetherness and sense of belonging, regardless of race, religion and creed.)

At the start of the seminar, the emcee announced that Dr Mahathir was unable to attend the event that he (Dr Mahathir) had been looking forward to and was disappointed that he was unable to do so.

He had asked International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Mustapa Mohamed to address the seminar on his behalf.

Dr Mahathir underwent coronary bypass surgery at the Kuala Lumpur General Hospital in January 1989 and a second such operation at the National Heart Institute in September 2007.

Despite his age, Dr Mahathir, who is adviser to Proton and Petronas, often travels abroad to attend international conferences as he remains a highly sought-after speaker at both local and international events.

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