

Abdullah congratulates Manmohan

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. — Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi has sent a congratulatory message to Dr Manmohan Singh on his appointment as Prime Minister, following the recently-concluded general election in India.

According to a Wisma Putra statement, Abdullah said in his message that Malaysia and India have consistently maintained a relationship premised on mutual respect, goodwill and understanding.

He said it was hoped that both countries

would continue to work together for their mutual benefit and also promote peace and stability in their region.

Abdullah also reiterated his firm commitment to strengthen bilateral ties as well as their close co-operation in regional and international organisations.

"I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you every success in steering India to greater heights of development and prosperity," Abdullah said in his message. — Bernama