

# Abdullah: Malaysia to continue strong ties with India

KUALA LUMPUR Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi has sent a congratulatory message to Dr Manmohan Singh on his appointment as the Indian Prime Minister.

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

He said it is hoped that both countries would continue to work together for their mutual benefit and also -promote peace and stability in the region.

Abdullah also reiterated his firm commitment to further strengthen the two countries' 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," he added. — Bernama