



PROUD WRITERS: (From left) Lee, Navarmani and Fam at the launch of the book they co-authored at the Perdana Leadership Foundation yesterday.

Biography of Mahathir tailored for young readers

PUTRAJAYA: Young Malaysians can now learn about Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad in a new children's book on the country's fourth Prime Minister.

"Many biographies in the market on Dr Mahathir are too difficult for children to read," said Lee Seng Chee, who with three others co-authored *Tun Dr Mahathir's Legacy: An Inspirational Learning Experience*.

"This book is for them, with simple words about his contributions to Malaysia.

"Every chapter has lessons that talk about being hard-working and positive-minded." Lee is the general manager of

the Krista Group of Companies that run a string of kindergartens in the country and specialises in early childhood education.

The book took two years to complete, he told reporters after Higher Education Minister Datuk Mustapa launched it at the Perdana Leadership Foundation here yesterday.

The idea for the book stemmed from a meeting between the former Prime Minister and the writers before his retirement.

"At that time, in 2003, we were presenting a piece of painting done by our kinder-

garten children to commemorate his long tenure in office," said Lee, who co-authored the book with B. Nawarmani, Joan Fam Li Hing and R. Rajendran.

"I brought up this idea of a book about him for children. He agreed and gave his consent."

Nawarmani said, in the book, Dr Mahathir talked about his early family life, his education, his experiences as Education Minister and his work as Prime Minister.

The 189-page book, priced at RM68.90 (for hard cover version) and RM48.90 (soft cover), would be available at major bookstores soon.

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