

Opposition shares in Abdullah's joy

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KUALA LUMPUR: Opposition parties joined the rest of the country to congratulate the prime minister on his marriage tomorrow to Jeanne Abdullah.

DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng extended the party's heartiest felicitations to Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi on his second marriage, saying there had been great public sympathy for the prime minister following Datin Seri Endon Mahmood's death on Oct 20, 2005.

"Their marriage has been lauded as a model relationship to be emulated by younger couples that a marriage is not only about sharing joys and sweetness but involves faith and loyalty that bind each other in sickness and in health.

"There has been great public admiration for the prime minister in soldiering on and handling his onerous tasks alone."

Now that he has found a partner to share his burdens, lighten his workload and lessen his weariness, Malaysians are happy for his new-found happiness, Lim said.

Pas Youth also conveyed its congratulations to Abdullah, and offered prayers that he be bestowed with strength in spearheading the development of the country, people and religion.

"We pray for Abdullah and wife to be blessed with grace and harmony in their life together," said its head, Salahuddin Ayub.

Outside the capital, the announcement of Abdullah's marriage was greeted with delight.

Kuala Terengganu MP Datuk Razali Ismail said he was happy the prime minister had found a new partner.

"The marriage will benefit him and in turn all Malaysians. This is as good a news as a healthy economy."

