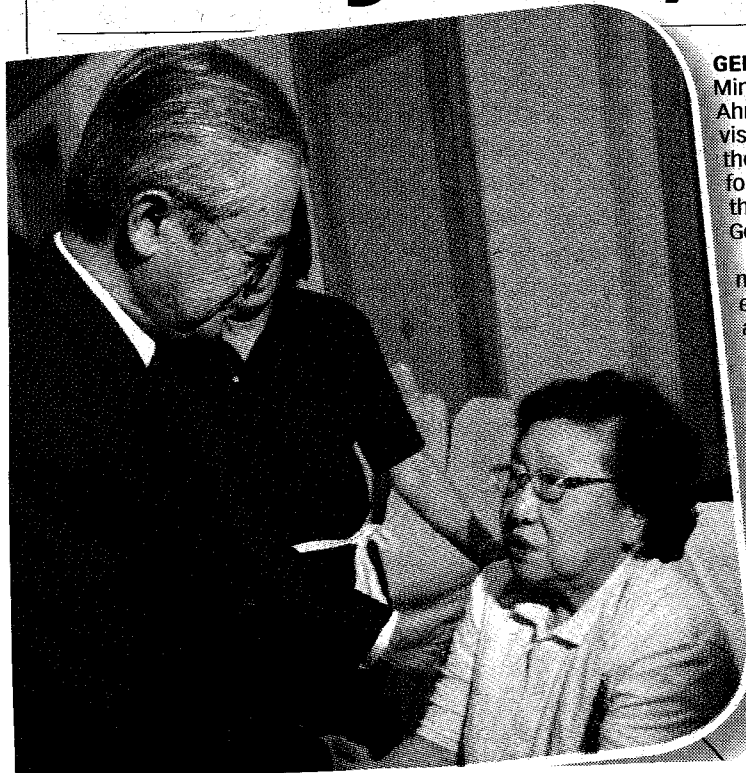


# Goh Tong a great Malaysian, says PM

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**GENTING HIGHLANDS:** Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi led a stream of visitors to pay tribute and offer their last respects to Genting founder Tan Sri Lim Goh Tong on the second day of the wake at Gohtong Villa yesterday.

Abdullah, who spent 30 minutes at the villa, told reporters Goh Tong came to Malaysia as a young man to start a new life and succeeded "beyond imagination".

"He made Malaysia his home and he became a great Malaysian. His success story will be an inspiration to young people," he said.

"He used to tell me that in the company, he is the No. 1 *kuli* and he was humble in every way."

Among the others who paid their respects yesterday were Deputy Internal Security Minister Datuk Fu Ah Kiow and former MCA deputy president Tan Sri Lim Ah Lek

who arrived at 11.45am.

Lim described the late tycoon as a "no problem" man, as he would attend to whatever that was requested by him when he was the Bentong MP.

"Goh Tong helped me a lot in contributing to schools and committees in my constituency," he said.

Lim recalled that when Goh Tong wanted to build a 6,000 room hotel - the First World Hotel in Genting Highlands, "I nearly fainted". However, he promised Goh Tong he would brief then Prime

## Free transport to Gohtong Villa

**GUESTS** who wish to pay their respects may visit Gohtong Villa until midnight on Sunday.

The public are advised to pay their respects on Saturday and Sunday from 9am to 5pm. A van shuttle service is available at the Genting Skyway arrival hall to Gohtong Villa from noon until Sunday from 9am till 2.30am.

Free bus services are also available hourly (8.30am-4.30pm) and the return trips from 10am-6pm) this weekend from the Pasar Rakyat bus terminal.

Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad on the project and Mahathir was very excited when he heard about it.

Fu said Goh Tong was never a big spender and lived a simple life which must be emulated by all.

Singapore High Commissioner T. Jasudasan said he had met Goh Tong 15 years ago and recalled they always communicated in Bahasa Malaysia and Hokkien. "Goh Tong was a friendly and warm person who always reacted fast to any matters," he said.

Former MCA president Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik; Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman dean Tan Sri Dr Ng Lay Swee and Tan Sri Dr Sak Cheng Lum arrived at 1.45pm.

Ling said Goh Tong always cared about the education of the younger generation, and that was why he generously contributed to education.

Among others who called at the house yesterday were German Ambassador Herbert Jeff, UN Association president Tengku Tan Seri Ahmad Rithauddeen, UN Association secretary-general Datuk Dr Ian Chia and former Malaysian ambassador to France Datuk Hamidah Yusof.

Parti Keadilan Rakyat information chief Tian Chua paid his respect to the late tycoon on behalf of the party.

From the Terminal Putra, Gombak station to Genting Skyway the services start from 9am and end at 5pm while the return trips commence from 10am and end at 6pm.

On Monday, the road leading from Gohtong Jaya township roundabout to the Gohtong Memorial Park, where the late magnate will be laid to rest at 10am, will be closed from 9am till 5pm.

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