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## Tribute to Chong Eu

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KUALA LUMPUR: Barisan Nasional chairman Datuk Seri Najib Razak yesterday paid tribute to the late Tun Dr Lim Chong Eu, calling him an "iconic leader".

Najib said that Dr Lim was one of the country's leaders who fully believed in the struggles of BN and had helped to build Malaysia.

"It is with sadness that we recently lost a true statesman and an iconic leader," he said in his keynote address at the BN convention.

The convention had earlier observed a minute's silence in honour of Dr Lim, the former president of Gerakan and Penang chief minister, who died on Nov 24. The convention was earlier scheduled to be held on Nov 28 but was postponed following Dr Lim's death.

BN secretary-general Datuk Seri Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor led 2,340 delegates in Wisma MCA's San Choon hall to observe the minute's silence. Dr Lim, 91, died at home following a stroke that saw him hospitalised in Penang Hospital for nearly a month.