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Memoirs of Dr M on sale today

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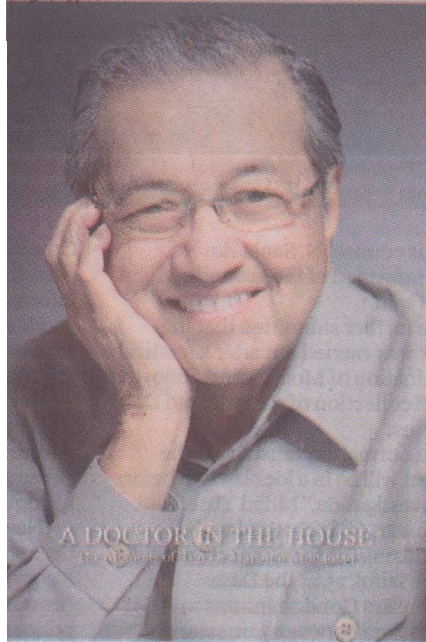
KUALA LUMPUR: A book chronicling the life and times of the nation's longest-serving prime minister to date, Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, will go on sale today at bookstores nationwide.

A Doctor in the House: The Memoirs of Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, is written by the former premier himself, as he takes readers back to his earliest childhood memories and through his 22 years of leadership in a journey that is little-known to anyone outside his family.

In his preface to the book, he wrote: "This is the story of Malaysia as I see it. This is also my story. These memoirs must naturally contain a focus on my role, but essentially it is about my beloved Malaysia, a country which has given me - indeed, all Malaysians - a good life. There will be other books about Malaysia, even about me, from other perspectives, but I hope that here, I have done justice to my country."

Spanning over 800 pages, it tells of his constant struggle as a politician, his pursuit of the nation's goals, his greatest fears and his most cherished hopes, in a frank, sometimes humorous, and occasionally unforgiving assessment of himself and the times he lived through.

The chapters in this book tackle



some of the toughest and most controversial times under his leadership, including the Ops *Lalang*, the judiciary crisis, the scandal of then heir-apparent, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, and what Mahathir terms "The Political Wilderness" and "The Malay Dilemma."

The book also explores his visions and achievements for Malaysia - Vision 2020, the Multimedia Super Corridor, marketing Malaysia to the world and the recovery from the 1998 financial crisis.

The book retails at RM100 and is published by MPH Group Publishing. More information on this book can be found on www.mph.com.my.