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Netizens cheer Dr M on 90th birthday

KUALA LUMPUR: Born in 1925, Malaysia's longest-serving prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad turned 90 yesterday.

Netizens took to the social media to wish him well and express gratitude for his contributions.

On Twitter, BBC Malaysia correspondent Jennifer Pak (@pak25) said: "One of Asia's longest serving leaders, #Mahathir turns 90 today. On Monday he told me he still rides horses."

Dr Mahathir's eldest of seven children, Marina, shared two pictures of herself and her father, one of which was a selfie. They had garnered more than 100,000 "likes" and almost 5,200 shares on Facebook.

She also included a message that read: "To my dearest Daddy, Happy 90th birthday! May you always continue to enjoy your robust health, may you always have the strength and courage to do what you think is

right, and the time to enjoy the love of your children, grandchildren and your new great-granddaughter. May Allah bestow all his blessings on you always. I love you."

There were also well-wishers on Dr Mahathir's Facebook page from fans who shared the same birthday as him. The page encouraged followers to include pictures of themselves with Dr Mahathir and email it to sayasayangtunm@gmail.com



Former prime minister **Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad** cutting 'pulut kuning' to celebrate his birthday yesterday. Bernama pic