

Ask old people for advice, Mahathir tells world's youngest PM

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KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad does not feel tired despite his age because he is satisfied by his work.

“I try to do some minor exercise, but mainly I keep my weight stable.

“I’ve been 62 kilos for the past 30

or 40 years, it doesn’t change. I don’t eat very much, and I don’t eat ... when food tastes nice. I don’t overeat,” the 94-year-old said.

Dr Mahathir became prime minister for the second time – the oldest serving prime minister in the world – after he held the post for 22 years

from 1981 to 2003.

He also commented on the youngest prime minister in the world.

He said it would be good idea for Finland’s Sanna Marin, to ask “old people” for their advice.

“While we believe in the idealism of young people, it is important also

for them to consider the experience of the old people.

“Then there will be a combination of the two, and that would be good,” he said.

Marin, 34, was the sole candidate for her government’s top post after the resignation of Antti Rinne fol-

lowing a declaration of no confidence in him by a party in Finland’s ruling coalition.

Marin has had a swift rise in Finnish politics since becoming head of the city council of her industrial hometown of Tampere at the age of 27. — Reuters