

PM and wife attend Jokowi's swearing-in

JAKARTA: Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad was among 17 world leaders and heads of state who witnessed the swearing in of President Joko Widodo's second term of office here.

The Prime Minister was accompanied by his wife Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali at the ceremony held in the Indonesian Parliament building.

The others present included Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah of Brunei, Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison and Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen.

Jokowi holds the presidency of the third largest democratic country in the world for the second term after winning the 2019 presidential election on April 17.

Jokowi and his new running-mate, Vice President Ma'aruf Amin, 76, defeated their rivals, Prabowo Subianto and Sandiaga Uno.

Malaysian Ambassador to Indonesia Datuk Zainal Abidin Bakar said Dr Mahathir's presence at the event was a manifestation of the strong ties shared between both leaders.

Indonesia was the first Asean



Good on you: Jokowi shaking hands with Dr Mahathir after his presidential inauguration for the second term at the Indonesian Parliament in Jakarta. — Reuters

country that Dr Mahathir visited after winning GE14, while Malaysia was the first country Jokowi visited following his victory in the presidential election this year.

Dr Mahathir expressed confidence that the existing close ties between the two countries would

further be strengthened for the well-being and prosperity of the two countries.

"May the honourable president and the people of the Republic of Indonesia continue to be blessed with Allah's grace and mercy," he said in a Chedet video clip aired by

an Indonesian television channel, TVRI, in conjunction with Jokowi's swearing-in ceremony. — Bernama

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