

Dr M to announce handover date later

KUALA LUMPUR: Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad has insisted that he will set the time and date to step down as Prime Minister.

"I will announce later ... I will keep my promise," he said after officiating the Heritage and National Culture Charter at the Islamic Arts Museum Malaysia here yesterday.

The charter follows resolutions

in 1971 and 2017 and is aimed at promoting programmes involving cultural heritage and civilisation based on morals.

In an interview with Bloomberg Television on Wednesday, Anwar said he expects to take over as PM by May 2020.

The PKR president and Port Dickson MP dismissed reports that

Minister Datuk Seri Azmin Ali, or Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Mukhriz Mahathir, the Prime Minister's son, would be considered for the post instead of him.

Dr Mahathir also said that the Heritage and National Culture Charter was not an attempt to be similar to the charter by Umno and PAS to champion Malay rights.

It's just to ensure the style and arts of everyone is preserved.

"The government plays a role in supporting their (Albukhary and Budi Foundations) collection of artefacts," said Dr Mahathir.

Also present at the event were Budi Foundation founder Tan Sri Dr Rais Yatim and Albukhary Foundation founder Tan Sri Syed