

PM: Abe instrumental in boosting Malaysia-Japan ties

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KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin yesterday wished Japan Prime Minister Shinzo Abe well, and expressed hope that the latter would stay in good health.

In a Facebook post, he said on behalf of Malaysians, he wished Abe a swift recovery and hoped he would regain his strength.

He said Abe's resignation came as a surprise to many, including Malaysia.

"He was much adored for his far-sighted vision as well as being instrumental in elevating Malaysia and Japan bilateral ties.

"Throughout his premier-

ship, relations between the two countries have not only deepened, but also made great inroads on many new frontiers.

"Asean and Japan relations, too, have been marked by many achievements by virtue of his leadership."

On Friday, Abe announced that he would step down as prime minister due to concerns over his health, particularly due to a recurrence of ulcerative colitis, which is an inflammatory bowel disease.

He became prime minister of Japan in 2006 and was due to stay until September next year.



Shinzo Abe