



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob and Datin Seri Muhaini Zainal Abidin posing with Datuk Lee Chong Wei and Datin Wong Mew Choo during a Hari Raya visit yesterday. With them are Chong Wei and Mew Choo's sons, Kingston (front row left) and Terrence. PIC TAKEN FROM DATUK SERI ISMAIL SABRI YAAKOB'S FACEBOOK PAGE

## TWO-YEAR LAPSE

# PM celebrates Raya with Chong Wei

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob yesterday received a visit from badminton legend Datuk Lee Chong Wei in conjunction with Hari Raya Aidilfitri, after a two-year lapse due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Through a posting on his Facebook page yesterday, Ismail Sabri said every year, Chong Wei, his wife Datin Wong Mew Choo, and the couple's sons, Kingston and Terrence, would visit him in conjunction with the Aidilfitri celebration.

"Chong Wei has been very close to me since I was the youth and sports minister, until now," he said.

He also expressed his thanks to Chong Wei for elevating the country's name in the international arena.

"Hopefully, Chong Wei will continue to help improve the

country's performance in badminton."

After 19 years of playing badminton professionally, Chong Wei announced his retirement in June 2019.

Chong Wei described the meeting as "special" on his Facebook page.

"Unknown to many, Chong Wei and Ismail Sabri have known each other since 2008 when he was youth and sports minister.

"Since then, every year our family will visit him during Hari Raya. This year is quite special because we haven't seen each other for two years," he said.

He added that he shared his views and knowledge on the country's badminton development with the Prime Minister's wife, Datin Seri Muhaini Zainal Abidin, who is also the patron of the sports in Malaysia. **Bernama**