

Anwar, Wan Azizah pay tribute to Dr Mahathir on 100th birthday

KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and his wife, Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail, yesterday extended well wishes to Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad on his 100th birthday.

In a message posted on social media, Anwar prayed for the former prime minister's continued good health, inner peace and physical strength as he marked a century of life.

"Azizah and I sincerely pray that Tun continues to be granted well-being, tranquillity of soul, and physical strength in living a life full of meaning," he said.

Anwar also described Dr Mahathir's commitment to a healthy lifestyle and lifelong service as an example for a nation that is ageing, but remains full of hope.

"May Allah SWT continue to bless Tun, InsyaAllah," he said.

In **Singapore**, Senior Minister Lee Hsien Loong also extended birthday wishes to Dr Mahathir and to Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali ahead of her 99th birthday.

In a message on Facebook, Lee paid tribute to Dr Mahathir's legacy as a "seminal leader who shaped Malaysia into what it is today, a modern, globally connected, and successful country".

He also highlighted Dr Mahathir's role in promoting regional cooperation through Asean.

"Regionally, he championed Asean unity, recognising that only by staying together could we maintain and benefit from our hard-won independence," he said.

"His decades of public service have made a lasting difference to Malaysia and Asean."

Lee also recognised Hasmah's significant contributions to Malaysian society.

"She has championed causes ranging from maternal and children's healthcare to literacy."

On the relationship between both countries, Lee said Singapore and Malaysia have long shared deep and multifaceted ties.

"Our two countries have not always seen eye to eye on every issue, but we have always worked together to overcome differences and find common ground.

"My predecessors and I appreciated the opportunity to work closely with Tun Mahathir. We made progress on many matters during our respective terms as prime minister, something which our successors will continue to work on."



Former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad celebrating his 100th birthday in Putrajaya yesterday. PIC FROM DR MAHATHIR'S FACEBOOK PAGE