

'YOU ARE THE ONLY LEADER WHO HAS GUTS...'

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IT IS a little more than 24 hours before Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad "graduates" from Prime Minister to Elder Statesman.

Thus, readers, time is running out for you to say thanks to the outgoing PM.

Here is the second-largest batch of SMS messages which we received yesterday.

From what has been sent, it appears that Malaysians are optimistic and confident that the country will continue to score and soar when Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi becomes the fifth Prime Minister of Malaysia about 3pm tomorrow.

Malaysia and Malaysians have soared and scored under your brilliant leadership. Thank you Dr Mahathir. From Tay Mee Joo.

Dr M, you are charismatic, cool and charming. At 78, you deserve some good rest, sleeping, eating and holiday-making. Thank you, Sir. From JCET.

I will always remember Oct 31 as a happy and sad day. Happy because it is my birthday. Sad because it is the day you retired. From Satwant.

Your sincerity to the country would long be cherished. You are our role model. We are proud of you, Sir. From Sri.

I am glad and proud for the peace, prosperity and harmony in Malaysia under your watch. Thanks, Sir.

Thank you, Sir, for developing Malaysia. God bless you and your family. From Ismail and Tajul.

SAYA BANGGA MENJADI RAKYAT MALAYSIA KERANA DATUK SERI.

YOUR IDEAS AND THOUGHTS ARE A THOUSAND MILES AHEAD. YOU MADE MALAYSIA. WE ARE PROUD TO BE MALAYSIANS AND THANK GOD YOU ARE BORN MALAY

YOU ARE THE GREATEST MALYSIAN.

THANKS FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE IN DEVELOPING MALAYSIA. HAPPY RETIREMENT. MAY GOD BLESS YOU. I WILL NEVER FORGET YOU.

You have made us proud to be Malaysians. From Vicky.

WE LOVE YOU, SIR.

HAPPY RETIREMENT, SIR. FROM AZMI AND FAMILY

Thanks for making me proud to be Malaysian. From Fong.

YOU ARE THE BEST THING THAT HAS EVER HAPPENED TO MALAYSIA. WE LOVE YOU.

God bless you, Dr M. You are the father of modern Malaysia and we are all grateful to you for making Malaysia what it is. God bless Datuk Seri Abdullah and grant him courage and strength to confront the challenges of globalisation and the 21st century. From Halim.

YOU ARE THE EPITOME OF OUR GREATNESS.

THANKS FOR MAKING US REACH FOR THE SKIES AND ACHIEVE THE IMPOSSIBLE. WE LOVE YOU.

GOD BLESS YOU. THANKS FOR MAKING OUR COUNTRY SUCCESSFUL.

YOU ARE MY INSPIRATION. THANKS. GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

Dr M, you have always been there for us. Happy retirement.

YOU ARE MY HERO. THANK YOU, SIR.

Your sacrifices will never be forgotten. We can hold our heads high because of you. Happy retirement. God bless you and your family.

You are the best leader in the world.

I salute you, Sir. You are the only world leader with vision and great abilities. God bless you and your lovely wife Datuk Seri Siti Hasmah.

Dear Sir, thanks for everything. Happy retirement.

You have made us proud to be Malaysians. Thanks, Sir. From Lai.

You gave us 22 golden years of nationhood. Thanks and God bless.

Sir, you are the true architect of Malaysia. Thanks and God bless.

You will always be our role model. From Julian.

YOU ARE THE BEST. HAPPY RETIREMENT. FROM AMBIGAI.

You are a true Malaysian. You make us believe in ourselves and our nation. Happy retirement. God bless. From Hayati.

THANKS FOR BEING THE CHOSEN ONE TO LEAD MALAYSIA TO GREATNESS. GOD BLESS YOU.

You are the engineer of our success. We will always revere you. From Suresh.

You are the best person to lead humanity, not that George Bush Jr.

You are the hero of the country and all that you have done for us will always be cherished. Thank you.

You are the greatest leader in the world. God bless you and happy retirement.

Malaysia is rich, vibrant, exciting, wonderful, fabulous, magnificent, great, harmonious, peaceful and beautiful because of you.

Thanks for labouring for 22 years to make us a successful nation. Happy retirement and God bless. We will miss you.

DEAR SIR, THANKS FOR BEING THE PROTECTOR OF MALAYSIA. HAPPY RETIREMENT, SIR.

I SAY WE SHOULD RENAME PUTRAJAYA AS MAHAPUTRA JAYA.

Thanks for everything. We will always love you and God bless you.

HAPPY RETIREMENT AND GOD BLESS YOU, SIR. FROM KUMAR.

Thanks for being a marvellous leader and the father of modern Malaysia. You are the greatest. We all love you.

Thanks, Sir. You are one in a million.

Thanks for being our protector. I admire you for your honesty and courage. God bless you. From Eric.

You are our Mahathma. God bless you.

You have led us to excellence. We will continue your mission. Thank you and God bless you, Sir.

YOU HAVE PUT US ON THE MAP FOR ALL THE RIGHT REASONS.

You are the envy of the West, the saviour of the weak, the pride of Malaysians and Asians. We stand tall with the rest of the world because of you. Thank you, Sir.

YOU ARE THE ONLY LEADER IN THE WORLD WHO HAS GUTS. THANKS FOR BEING A GREAT CHAMPION OF THE DOWNTRODDEN.

We all love you, Sir. Thanks for making Malaysia the success story it is.



You are the best leader. We will all miss you.

YOUR EXTRAORDINARY COURAGE, DETERMINATION AND ENERGY ARE SECOND TO NONE. YOU ARE TRULY OUR SUPERMAN. GOD BLESS YOU. HAPPY RETIREMENT.

YOUR WILLINGNESS TO FORGIVE IS YOUR GREATEST STRENGTH. GOD BLESS YOU, SIR.

A privilege it is to be led by an extraordinary leader. Thank you Dr Mahathir for endowing us with this privilege. From LKT.

Thanks for the last 22 wonderful years of nation building.

Sorry for jumping the gun, but you are Tun Mahathir, the father of modern Malaysia. God bless you and your family. We love you, always. From Joe.

There will never be another you. Thanks for 22 glorious years.

DR M, YOU DID IT YOUR WAY, OUR WAY. THE CORRECT WAY. THANKS, SIR. GOD BLESS YOU.

HAPPY RETIREMENT AND GOD BLESS YOU. WE WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU, SIR.

MALAYSIA KITA SUDAH BERJAYA. AMAN MAKMUR BAHAGIA. MALAYSIA ABADI SELAMANYA. SEMUANYA KERANA MAHATHIR.

Sir, you came to the helm of the premiership, you saw what had to be done and you promptly conquered it. You are great, Sir. Happy retirement. God bless you.

I wish you SELAMAT HARI RAYA PUASA in advance. Thanks, Sir.

Dear Sir, I am able to feed myself because of you. Thank you for reminding me that there is hope. Have a good rest and may God bless you always.

Malaysia and the world may not see another great leader of your calibre for a long time. Happy retirement, Tuan. From Param.

You have made Malaysia known to the whole world. The true Malaysians are proud of you. May Allah bless you and your family. From Karim.

You will always be treasured. You are the extraordinary magnifying glass who magnified us in the eyes of the world. There will be no retirement for you in our hearts because you will be cherished and loved by us forever. With love to the God-sent son of Malaysia. From Tamil Selvam and Kala.

DEAR PM, YOU ARE THE TRUE MALYSIAN PAHLAWAN HANG TUAH. From Zali, Penang.

SIR, I AM REALLY PROUD OF YOU. YOU MADE ME JOIN RELA. WE ALL SALUTE YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS. THANK YOU DR M. FROM PLATUN RELA CHINATOWN.

We bow our heads and bring our hands together in awe, love and respect for the greatest statesman ever.