

**Mukhriz agrees being Dr Mahathir's son helped career**  
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ALOR SETAR, Feb 16 — Datuk Mukhriz Mahathir conceded that being his father's son has helped his progress in politics. However the international trade and industry deputy minister hopes to have the chance to show his own ability.

The Jerlun MP said to Bernama Online he was not too concerned being in Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad's shadow.

Dr Mahathir was the longest serving Malaysian prime minister and still remains a very influential voice in national politics.

Mukhriz (picture) was speaking during his visit to Universiti Tun Abdul Razak in Kedah's capital.

He said that he was proud of his father's achievements, adding his own political career is relatively new therefore not suitable yet to be compared with Dr Mahathir.

The first time parliamentarian accused the opposition of practising the nepotism they accused his father with when he was prime minister.

He said Dr Mahathir was determined to keep his family out of politics while he was in power, which is why his older brother Datuk Mokhzani's political career stalled.

Mukhriz himself had to wait for Dr Mahathir's retirement to contest in Umno and elections.

He said for the opposition it was common for both father and son to be MP and assemblyman at the same time. Further he added, family members held key posts in the party.

Former DAP secretary-general Lim Kit Siang is Ipoh Timor MP, while his son Lim Guan is now party secretary-general and also a lawmaker in both Penang and Parliament. DAP chairman Karpal Singh's sons are both elected representatives, one in Penang and the other the Puchong MP. PKR de facto leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's daughter, Nurul Izzah Anwar is the Lembah Pantai MP and party vice-president.

The Kedah Umno liaison deputy chief said young voters might not come out to vote because they were fed-up with both the ruling Barisan Nasional and opposition Pakatan Rakyat.

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