

China foresees new achievements for Malaysia under Mahathir's leadership

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BEIJING, May 15 (Bernama) -- China believes Malaysia will score new achievements in its national development under the leadership of newly-appointed Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Foreign Ministry spokesperson, Geng Shuang, said in a daily press conference that China also believed the China-Malaysia comprehensive strategic partnership would move forward in a steady and sustained manner.

"Mahathir is a senior politician and made positive and important contributions to the development of Malaysia and ASEAN, China-Malaysia relations and East Asia Cooperation."

"China congratulates him on assuming the post of Prime Minister. We believe that Malaysia will maintain its stability and development," he told reporters here today.

Asked whether China-Malaysia relations would be affected by the change in government, Geng said, "China and Malaysia are friendly neighbours, and China values its friendly relations with Malaysia.

"Currently, our bilateral relations enjoy a sound momentum of growth with fruitful outcomes in cooperation which has delivered tangible benefits to the two countries and peoples. This is worth cherishing and upholding by our two sides."

He said China stood ready to work with Malaysia, following the principles of mutual respect, equality and mutual benefit, to move forward the China-Malaysia comprehensive strategic partnership, deliver greater benefits to the peoples, and promote regional stability and prosperity.

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