

## **I'll serve as long as people want me to - Dr Mahathir**

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TOKYO, June 11 (Bernama) -- Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said he is willing to serve as prime minister if that is the wish of the people or as long as they want him to.

"But of course, I don't know how long I myself will last," he said, adding that in two years' time he would be 95 years old.

Speaking at the Nikkei Conference in Tokyo on Monday, Dr Mahathir pointed out that he was already the oldest prime minister in the world.

"It will be a record if I reach 95 and still prime minister," he said in jest.

He underlined that serving the country was all that he cared for.

"If that's what the people want me to do, I'll accede to their wishes," he said.

Dr Mahathir was sworn in as prime minister for the second time last month after leading his Pakatan Harapan coalition to a stunning May 9 election victory.

He was prime minister from 1981 to 2003.

Dr Mahathir is on a three-day working visit to Japan.

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