

## **Mahathir's 'vintage' age sets 'super' high benchmark to other leaders**

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SINGAPORE, Nov 15 (Bernama) – His ‘vintage’ age has set a “super” high benchmark for any leader in the world not to have excuses for not being committed to their duty except if sick.

Tun Dr Mahathir kept up well until the ‘finishing line’ with a non-stop programme that kicked off immediately after his arrival early Monday to this island city-state.

The Malaysian Prime Minister was here for four days, starting with a two-day official visit to Singapore followed by the 33rd ASEAN Summit and Related Summits until Thursday.

“I don’t know how I managed. I always attend meetings. It is my duty. If I can I will, if I’m sick I won’t,” he said at the end of the Summits here today.

Dr Mahathir was asked by a foreign journalist on how he at 93 years managed to attend a series of meetings here while one ASEAN leader needed to take “a power nap” and missed a few meetings scheduled during the Summits.

His engagement does not stop in Singapore as he will be in Papua New Guinea for the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) annual summit this weekend.

The premier, the oldest head of government attending the 33rd Edition of ASEAN Summit, has already left for Kuala Lumpur this evening before flying to Port Moresby tomorrow.

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