

S'pore's Goh wishes Dr M all the best

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KUALA LUMPUR: Singapore Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong conveyed his best wishes to Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad for his future endeavours and congratulated Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi on his appointment as Malaysia's fifth Prime Minister.

He said Dr Mahathir had transformed Malaysia into a modern, progressive and confident nation with a sound economy.

"Malaysians are proud of what they have achieved, and of who they are. With the smooth leadership transition, your successor, Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, is well-placed to build on your achievements," Goh said in a letter to Dr Mahathir.

A copy of the letter and also that to Abdullah were faxed to Bernama by the Singapore High Commission here.

In his letter congratulating Abdullah, Goh said he took over as Malaysia's fifth Prime Minister at a time of great change and uncertainty in the world.

"I am confident that under your stewardship, Malaysia will achieve further success. You will lead a country that has been transformed by many years of steady growth, and is confident of its future," he said.

He also invited Abdullah and his wife Datin Paduka Seri Endon Mahmood to visit Singapore at their earliest convenience and wished both of them good health, happiness and success. — Bernama