

Dr M progressing well

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KUALA LUMPUR: Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad was transferred to the general ward of the National Heart Institute (IJN) last night, after a trouble-free night in the Coronary Care Unit (CCU) on Thursday.

“He ate and slept well. He is progressing well on his second day,” IJN said in a Press statement.

Dr Mahathir was admitted early Thursday morning after suffering a mild heart attack in his home.

His wife Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali spent the night nearby, in a VIP room in the CCU.

Yesterday, the 81-year-old former prime minister spent a pleasant day receiving visitors in his private room in the CCU. They found him relaxing on a sofa, reading Juan Enriquez’s *As the Future Catches You*, which discusses the economic and social future, and the technological and scientific forces that will shape it.

DAP leader Lim Kit Siang and several party members including Kepong MP Dr Tan Seng Giaw, Cheras MP Tan Kok Wai and Bukit Bintang MP Fong Kui Lun were among the many who called on Dr Mahathir.

Lim said he came because he was concerned about Dr Ma-

hathir’s health.

“We are all concerned,” he said. “He’s ok. He said he was feeling the strain of travelling to Saudi Arabia and Indonesia. He said he was suffering from lack of sleep and tiredness. He said he is feeling much better.”

Dr Tan added: “His grip was strong when I shook his hand.”

Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, wife of Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak, and several members of the Association of Wives of Ministers and Deputy Ministers (Bakti) came to offer Dr Siti Hasmah moral support.

They included Datin Seri Wendy Ong, wife of MCA chief Datuk Seri

Ong Ka Ting and Toh Puan Ena Ling, wife of former MCA president Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik.

“We are here for Tun Dr Siti Hasmah to give her moral support,” said Rosmah.

She said the women had a good and cheerful visit. “We laughed and joked. She was very relaxed,” she said, adding that Najib plans to visit Dr Mahathir today.

Other visitors yesterday included Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah, Datuk Abdul Ghapur Salleh, Datuk Liew Sip Hon, Tan Sri Abdullah Ahmad, Tengku Tan Sri Mahaleel Tengku Ariff, Datuk Mohd Nadzmi Mohd Salleh, Datuk Firdaus Ismail and DJ Dave.