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Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamed signing 7-year-old Ashraff Badrul Hisham's copy of 'chedet.com: Blogging to Unblock' at MPH Bookstore in Mid Valley Megamall, Kuala Lumpur, yesterday.

Dr M's book tops bestseller list

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KUALA LUMPUR: The first fan began his journey from Kota Baru at dawn so that he could meet his long-time idol.

Zakee, 43, an electrical contractor, drove for eight hours to meet Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad at a book signing that lasted about 45 minutes at the MPH Bookstore in Mid Valley Megamall.

"His ideas are still relevant until today," said Zakee.

Fans started streaming into the

bookstore about 30 minutes before Dr Mahathir was scheduled to arrive at 3pm.

Though 40 minutes late, Dr Mahathir quickly got into the rhythm of scribbling his signature on his two latest books, *chedet.com: Blogging to Unblock* and *Mahathir Mohamad: An Illustrated Biography*.

The illustrated biography has been on the bestseller list since it was released last August while *chedet.com*, based on his blog, has

sold about 9,000 copies to date.

During a session open to the floor, Dr Mahathir said he was against blog censorship.

"People who use blogs must be very sensible and must be fair and not undermine other people."

He said blogging was an avenue for people to practise and improve their writing skills.

His wife, Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, and daughter, Datuk Marina Mahathir, were present.