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Dr M backs Najib, Muhyiddin

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MELBOURNE: Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad has endorsed Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak as Prime Minister and Tan Sri Muhyiddin as his deputy.

"With hard work and cooperation, Najib and Muhyiddin would be able to lead a good government," he said yesterday.

He added that with the global financial turmoil, Malaysia needed

strong and decisive leadership.

The former prime minister was here to speak at a Malaysian youth seminar and at an international multi-cultural symposium.

Dr Mahathir said Muhyiddin would be able to bring in a lot of grassroots

experience and knowledge.

"There are many contestants for the Umno deputy president's position, but I think Muhyiddin is the best person to be Najib's deputy," he said.

Dr Mahathir said the International Trade and Industry Minister had

been "very vocal" of late.

Earlier, Dr Mahathir said Najib should not be surrounded by cronies and family members when he is Prime Minister.

"He should not be surrounded by cronies and family members as this

will not be good for the country," he said after addressing a Malaysian youth seminar at the University of Melbourne.

Dr Mahathir, however, did not identify them.

"There are several former MPs and experts whose advice he should seek to run the country," he said. — Bernama