

MAHATHIR

FROM WAN AHMAD HULAIMI

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BRIGHTON (ENGLAND) MARCH 12 (BERNAMA) -- FOR DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD AND DATIN SERI DR SITI HASMAH, IT WAS A DAY AT THE SEASIDE WITH AN ADDED BONUS: THIS AFTERNOON, THEIR SON MIRZAN WAS GRADUATING IN COMPUTER SCIENCE FROM THE LOCAL POLYTECHNIC.

IT WAS A SPLENDID FINALE TO CAP THE DAYS OF INFORMAL MEETINGS AND PRIVATE ENGAGEMENTS FOR THE PRIME MINISTER AND DATIN SERI DR SITI HASMAH WHO ARE HERE ON A PRIVATE VISIT.

DATIN SERI DR SITI HASMAH, BEAMING WITH UNCONCEALED PLEASURE, TOOK SEVERAL SNAPSHOTS WITH HER POCKET CAMERA AS MIRZAN MAHATHIR STEPPED ON THE PLATFORM TOGETHER WITH HUNDREDS OF OTHER GRADUANDS TO RECEIVE HIS SCROLL FROM THE GUEST OF HONOUR SIR DONALD BARRON, CHAIRMAN OF THE MIDLAND BANK.

MIRZAN, 24, NOW WORKING WITH A COMPUTER FIRM IN KUALA LUMPUR, GRADUATED WITH SECOND CLASS HONOURS.

THE PRIME MINISTER AND DATIN SERI DR SITI HASMAH, WHO SAT AMONG THE GUESTS AS PARENTS, HEARD BRIGHTON POLYTECHNIC, DIRECTOR G.R. HALL EXPRESS HIS REGRETS IN THE OPENING ADDRESS THAT BRITISH GOVERNMENT ACTIONS HAD MADE IT +INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT+ FOR (OVERSEAS) STUDENTS TO COME TO BRITAIN FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.

EARLIER IN THE DAY, THE PRIME MINISTER VISITED THE FACTORY OF INTERNATIONAL AUTOMOTIVE DESIGN IN LONDON.

NOTE: MALAYSIAN STUDENT LAM SOO CHIN GAINED A FIRST CLASS DEGREE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE AT THE BRIGHTON POLY.

LAM, FROM PETALING JAYA, WAS EDUCATED AT ST JOHN+S INSTITUTION, KUALA LUMPUR.

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