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MAHATHIR TREATS TWO VILLAGERS

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TAPAH, July 22 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir's visit here today will hold special memories for two villagers who not only got to see him but were treated by the doctor and the country's top leader. Puan Teh a/p Mat, 48, and B. Sathiskumar have reason to be proud because they were chosen for the honours from among the 20,000 visitors to the launch site of the state-level "Kampungku" programme.

They not only got to see the prime minister close-up but also felt the touch of a doctor who had long left the field to lead the country.

The incident took place when Dr Mahathir visited the exhibition booth of the state Medical and Health Services Department in Kampung Bt 3, Jalan Pahang, here, where he launched the "Kampungku" programme in conjunction with his two-day visit to Perak which ended today.

When treating the two villagers the prime minister said: "I have long left this field...how can I still do it," -- more

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Puan Teh, a housewife, when interviewed, said she had gone to the Bt 6 village clinic for treatment of a headache but was taken to the launch site by a medical officer there.

"I did not expect Dr Mahathir to be treating me," she said, adding that she was happy because this was the first time she was seeing Dr Mahathir close-up and he had treated her.

Meanwhile, Sathiskumar's mother, Puan K. Saroja, 33, said she had taken her son to the same clinic for cough and fever but was brought to the launch site by medical officers who told her that the doctor was there.

State Deputy Medical Director Dr Tee Ah Sian said Dr Mahathir found Puan Teh to be suffering from high blood pressure while Sathiskumar was having a fever and cough.

Asked whether the two were "specially chosen, she said they were chosen because all the medical officers were at the booth at that time. -- Bernama

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