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MAHATHIR SHOWS COOKING SKILL DURING SCHOOL VISIT

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KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 11 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today turned cook, albeit for a short period, during a visit to Sekolah Menengah Datuk Lokman, Kampung Pandan here.

He showed his skill in preparing fried rice which he later shared with Education Minister Datuk Amar Dr Sulaiman Daud, Education Director General Datuk Dr Wan Mohd Zahid Wan Nordin and other senior education officers accompanying him during the visit.

Dr Mahathir was visiting the school's cooking class to see how the students coped with the Living Skills subject when he obliged a request from them to cook.

He spent about three and half hours at the school, taking the opportunity also to see how teachers conducted their class. At times, he interrupted the class to ask questions from the teachers and students.

Most of the questions were relating to applying skills which the students had learnt. --more

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Dr Mahathir, who also does carpentry during his free time, also gave some tips to students of the carpentry class which he visited.

The visit, though short, will be a memorable one for the students and teachers alike. Many took the opportunity to take pictures with the Prime Minister.

When a student asked Dr Mahathir what he thought of the school, he said the school had an interesting racial composition.

"We see Chinese students, comprising 60 per cent of the school's population, mixing together with the Malay and Indian students. This gives us the opportunity to interact at an early age and when we grow up we can live together in peace and harmony in a developed country," he said.

Earlier, Dr Mahathir was given a rousing welcome by the students and teachers on arrival at the school. He was also briefed on the school by its principal V. Chakravathy. --Bernama

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