

# Ice sculpture catches Dr Mahathir's eye

DATUK Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, admiring an ice sculpture on exhibition at the Snow House at the Mines Wonderland at Sungei Besi last night.

On his right is Mines Wonderland managing director Lee Kim Yew.

The Prime Minister had earlier opened the Snow House, the latest attraction at the amusement park.

The opening coincided with the first anniversary of the Mines Wonderland.

Dr Mahathir, who was accompanied by his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali and children, Maizura and Mazhar, and

grandaughter Eniza, also unveiled a giant-sized man-made sculpture of a tiger entitled *Tiger of the East* in the Wonderland's Fortune Garden.

The Snow House, dubbed a winter wonderland, covers a total area of 1,080 sq m with a special snowfall ceiling where temperatures are brought down to -19.6 C before the crystals are actually formed to bring forth the falling snow flakes.

As the snow falls within an area of 1,350 sq m, one can actually feel and touch the snow with temperatures ranging between -10C and -20C.

The Prime Minister spent time listening to a musical fountain, one of the main attractions at the park.

Dr Mahathir also presented prizes to winners of an ice-carving competition held on Jan 19.

The first prize of RM7,000 went to Jafri Mohamad of Shangri-la Hotel, second prize of RM5,000 to Ashraf Emir of Restoran Seri Melayu and RM3,000 to V. Kumaravel of Pan Pacific Hotel.

A total of 10 hotels in Kuala Lumpur took part with 15 people contesting for three cash awards.

The winning ice-sculp-

tures are on exhibition at the Snow House.

Earlier, Lee said the park was built last year as a multi-purpose facility for the entire family.

"As you can see, we have managed to conceptualise it to be a park of Four Seasons. The 170-metre mural and garden represents Spring Time, the Snow House depicts Winter Wonderland.

"Giant trees with leaves turning gold signify Autumn and the man-made beach, billed as the 'Kuala Lumpur Beach', signifies a Summer vacation."