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Mahathir - Rodeo (With Pix)

PROCEEDS FROM FIRST MALAYSIAN RODEO CHAMPIONSHIP FOR BAKTI

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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 29 (Bernama) -- Proceeds from the three-day first Malaysian Rodeo Championship which began here last Saturday will be donated to the Badan Kebajikan Isteri-Isteri Menteri dan Timbalan Menteri (Bakti).

A letter to this effect was presented to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who received it on behalf of his wife, Datuk Seri Datin Paduka Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, who is Bakti chairman.

The letter was handed over by the organising chairman of the championship Datuk Awang Kamaruddin Haji Ghani during the championship sponsors' luncheon here today.

The championship, which was organised jointly by Kiara Promotion Sdn Bhd, Australia's Stampede Arena Pty Ltd and Bukit Kiara Equestrian and Country Resorts, had 30 participants from Australia and Malaysia.

Tickets for the first two days were sold at RM10 for children and RM20 for adults, while for the final this Thursday, they will be priced at RM15 for children and RM30 for adults. Tickets for the corporate sector are sold at RM2,400 per box of 24 seats. -- more

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Meanwhile, the 45 bulls and horses brought in from Australia for the championship would be donated to the Malaysian Veterinary Services Department.

At the luncheon, Dr Mahathir presented souvenirs to the sponsors of the championship. Among them were Bukit Tunggul Golf and Country Resort Sdn Bhd, Resort World Bhd, Yeoh Tiong Lay (YTL) Group Bhd, Sapura Holdings Bhd, Arab Malaysian Merchant Bank Bhd and Country Heights.

The championship, being held at the Indoor Arena, Bukit Kiara Equestrian and Country Resort, featured six main events - Saddle Bronc Riding, Bare Back Riding, Bull Riding, Steer Wrestling, Roping, Team Roping and Barrel race.

A special highlight at the championship was a performance by six Bajau Horsemen from Sabah. -- Bernama

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