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Mahathir-Greetings

GIANT MESSAGE AMONG GREETINGS FOR DR MAHATHIR

KUALA LUMPUR, July 24 (Bernama) -- A giant "thank you card" measuring 6.5m x 20m is among the more than 10,000 messages the public sent to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to mark his 15th year in office.

"Thank You For Enhancing the Dignity of the Malaysian Race," says the card in the shape of a billboard contributed by Seni Jaya Corporation Bhd.

The messages were received by a secretariat set up by the National Unity and Social Development Ministry specially to collect greetings for the Prime Minister.

The giant card would be handed over to National Unity and Social Development Minister Datin Paduka Zaleha Ismail on Friday to be erected at a spot off the Federal Highway, secretariat spokesman Nidzam Johan told reporters today.

Nidzam said the messages, sent by mail, facsimile and telegram, came from individuals and organisations, including companies, embassies and institutions of higher learning.

Some were poems and yet others were handwritten messages from children aged between five and 12, he said.

"There were also cards sent from overseas, especially by students," he said.

The secretariat will set up a branch on the 36th floor of Menara Lion here to help collect messages.

The facsimile numbers at this branch will be announced on Friday.

The closing date for sending in the messages is Aug 31. -- BERNAMA

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