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Medallion

PRIME MINISTER'S WIFE LAUNCHES MEDALLIONS

KUALA LUMPUR, 6 Ogos (Bernama) -- The prime minister's wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, today launched gold and silver medallions to commemorate the services of the nation's prime ministers.

The medallions feature three former prime ministers -- the late Tunku Abdul Rahman, the late Tun Abdul Razak and the late Tun Hussein Onn -- and current prime minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

They are produced by Mariwasa Kraftangan Sdn Bhd, a subsidiary of Boustead Holdings Berhad, which is involved in producing high-quality metal decorative items and pewterware.

In her speech, Dr Siti Hasmah said the medallions were one way for the present generation to get to know past and present leaders who had contributed a lot to nation building.

It was also a symbolic gesture to give meaning to the people in remembering the role played by these leaders, she said, adding that the timing was apt as the country would be celebrating the 39th anniversary of its independence.

At the function Dr Siti Hasmah, who is also chairman of the Welfare Association of Wives of Ministers and Deputy Minister (Bakti) received a cheque for RM30,000 from Boustead Holdings Berhad chairman Tan Sri Ghazali Che Mat.

Dr Siti Hasmah also presented the medallions to Tunku's daughter, Datin Paduka Tunku Khadijah, Tun Razak's widow, Tun Hajjah Rahah Mohamed Noh, and Tun Hussein's widow, Tun Suhaila Mohamed Noh.

Ghazali said the medallions were produced to commemorate the services of the Malaysian prime ministers who had each made meaningful contributions to the nation.

He said 10 per cent of the proceeds from the sale of the medallions would be given to the Malaysian Ex-Servicemen's Association.

The gold medallions, priced at RM5,500 each and the silver, at RM450 each, will be on sale from today.

Present were Defence Minister Datuk Syed Hamid Albar, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Abang Abu Bakar Abang Mustapha, Culture, Arts and Tourism Minister Datuk Sabbaruddin Chik, Deputy Science, Technology and Environment Minister Datuk Bakar Daud and foreign dignitaries. -- BERNAMA

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