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PM BECOMES FIRST SMARTCARD OWNER FOR PUBLIC INTERNET ACCESS

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 28 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today became the first owner of a smartcard issued by NetCard Corporation that is promoting public Internet access.

The Prime Minister used the smartcard to order a bouquet of flowers.

He was presented the smartcard at the NetCard Station during a tour of the Technology Park Malaysia after officially launching the park in Bukit Jalil near here.

The NetCard Station is the nation's first public Internet-access terminal designed on a multimedia approach to on-line information, entertainment, communication and transaction using the smartcard concept.

A wide selection of items ranging from compact discs, books and water sports equipment to travel accessories were listed for the Prime Minister to do some on-line shopping.

As the first card user, Dr Mahathir will also be able to tune in to NetCard Channels for the latest music releases and blockbusters with sound and cinematic motion effect.

E-mail can also be sent and retrieved from any part of the world at the NetCard Station.

According to a company official, NetCard Stations will eventually be made available in strategic public places like airports, hotels, shopping malls, fast-food chains, transportation hubs and colleges. -- BERNAMA

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