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Dr M's photo takes its place in history

HISTORICAL ITEM ... New Straits Times managing editor Zainon Ahmad (right) hands over a photograph of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad signing on a marble plaque to deputy general manager of Langkawi Development Authority, Mohd Puat Mohd Ali in Langkawi yesterday. In the middle is Galeria Perdana's manageress Mahani Muhammad.

The photograph and the plaque (beside Puat) will be kept at the Galeria Perdana, the home for gifts and awards received by Dr Mahathir locally and overseas which are considered as belonging to the State.

Dr Mahathir had signed the plaque when he opened the 10-day NST-Lada photo exhibition on July 28.

Zainon also handed over some of the photographs mounted as exhibits to Lada for the authority to display at its premises.

At the ceremony, winners of the art contest for schoolchildren received cash prizes amounting to RM1,200 and other gifts donated by sponsors.

The 1,000th and 3,000th visitors also received hampers.

More than 3,500 people had visited the exhibition held to mark 10 years of duty free status for the island resort when it closed at the Lada foyer at 9pm yesterday.

One of the major co-sponsors of the exhibition was Metro Giant, a company which is developing parts of Kuah.

Other sponsors were Canon Marketing Malaysia Sdn Bhd, Amanah Saham Anak Langkawi, Hotel Central Langkawi, Le Proton Exhibitions, Huswah Exhibition Sdn Bhd, Metroplex Berhad, Lada Langkawi Holdings Sdn Bhd, Jetty Point Shopping Complex, Sheraton Perdana Resort, Sheraton Langkawi Beach Resort, City Bayview Hotel, Pelangi Beach Resort and Burau Bay Resort.

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