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Fracture can't keep Koh away

LOOK, HE IS ALSO IN A WHEELCHAIR LIKE ME ... Penang Chief Minister Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon seems to be saying this as he looks at a photograph on display at the New Straits Times-Umno pictorial exhibition at Level Three of Komtar.

Koh, who has been moving around in a wheelchair following a fracture to his leg after a fall in a toilet in his house on Feb 22, was viewing the exhibits when the photograph caught his attention yesterday.

It shows Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, visiting the first Prime Minister Tunku Abdul Rahman and his wife Tun Sharifah Rodziah at their residence in Jalan Ayer Rajah, Penang.

In the picture, which was taken on Feb 9, 1985, a day after Tunku's 82nd birthday, the Tunku is in a wheelchair.

Koh, who spent about half-an-hour looking at the 80 photographs on display, all taken by NST photographers between 1946 and 1996, including 20 which were taken in Penang, was accompanied by his Press secretary Abdul Razak Ghows, special assistant Ong See Fook and bodyguard Yahaya Murad.

Koh was briefed on the exhibition by NST photographer Johari Embi.

Koh also presented a hamper to a lucky visitor Yusof Ahmad, 49, a Penang Island Municipal Council employee.

The five-day exhibition, which was opened by Deputy Chief Minister Datuk Mohd Shariff Omar last Friday, ended yesterday. It will be held next at the Centrepoint Complex in Alor Star, Kedah, from March 13 to 17.

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