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KELANTAN'S SPECIAL GIFT FOR DR MAHATHIR

KOTA BAHARU, April 2 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will be presented with a special souvenir from the people of Kelantan when he visits the state on Friday for a one-day working trip.

State Umno Deputy Information Chief Datuk Rozali Isohak said several other gifts would also be handed to the Prime Minister by community leaders on behalf of the people when he arrives at the Sultan Ismail Petra Airport at about 9 am.

"The gifts are our mark of respect for Dr Mahathir who has been acclaimed as an international leader when he was conferred the King Faisal International Award 1997 (by Saudi Arabia) and the Jawaharlal Nehru Award (by India) recently," he said.

Dr Mahathir had dedicated the two awards to all Malaysians, saying that their support and contributions had made it possible for the country to achieve success.

Rozali said Dr Mahathir, accompanied by Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, will be given a grand welcome by about 4,000 people at the airport. A 'doa selamat' would also be read.

He said a forum on Islamic development would be held at the Perkumpulan Perempuan Kelantan (PPK) hall in Jalan Mahmood here at 9 pm tomorrow night as a prelude to the Prime Minister's visit.

He said panel members include Foreign Minister Datuk Abdullah Haji Ahmad Badawi, Rural Development Minister Datuk Annuar Musa, Entrepreneur Development Minister Datuk Mustapa Mohamed, State Assemblyman for Melor Datuk Zainal Abidin Abdul Kadir, Pusat Islam director-general Datuk Abdul Hamid Zainal Abidin and representative of the state government. -- BERNAMA

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