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MAHATHIR ATTENDS MUSICAL STAGED BY CHILDREN

KUALA LUMPUR, 17 Dis (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad tonight attended a children's musical about a 12-year-old computer freak living in the year 2050.

He was accompanied during the two-hour show at the Malaysian Tourist Information Centre (Matic) Auditorium by his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali and children Mazhar and Maizura.

Titled "Taman Baginda", the musical was staged by 48 children aged seven to 15 belonging to Tunas Budaya, which is dedicated to the development of children's theatre.

Met after the musical ended, Dr Mahathir said: "It's a very nice show."

"The dialouge was good, the music was even better, the set and the director were progressive and very good. I was most satisfied and happy," he said.

The musical was produced by Pak Ngah Productions and organised by Utusan Malaysia and the New Straits Times with the sponsorship of Nexus Golf Resort Karambunai and Kertam Holdings Berhad.

Also present were Culture, Arts and Tourism Minister Datuk Sabbaruddin Chik, Umno Youth Chief Datuk Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, Utusan Melayu (M) Bhd group executive chairman Tan Sri Kamarul Ariffin and New Straits Times group editor Datuk A. Kadir Jasin. -- BERNAMA

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