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MAHATHIR LAUNCHES BUMIPUTERA ECONOMIC ACHIEVEMENT EXPO

KUALA LUMPUR, April 16 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today launched the Bumiputera Economic Achievement Expo here showcasing half a century of bumiputera economic growth.

The exposition, organised by Wanita Umno, is being held at the Putra World Trade Centre in conjunction with Umno's 50th anniversary.

The launching ceremony was transmitted "live" over the Internet.

Among those present were Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and his wife, Datin Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail, Wanita Umno head Datuk Dr Siti Zaharah Sulaiman, Umno Youth chief Datuk Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, Cabinet members and corporate figures.

Earlier, Dr Mahathir who is Umno president, inspected a 500-member parade of honour by a Wanita Umno brigade.

The exposition, which will be open to the public from tomorrow till April 27, featured a multimedia portrayal of 50 years of bumiputera economic growth.

It highlighted bumiputera achievement in 11 economic sectors including plantations, shipping and maritime, petroleum, aviation, expressway development and energy, education, telecommunications, financial, land and property development, automotive and land transportation.

It also featured a time tunnel recalling milestones in bumiputera economic and political progress.-- BERNAMA

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