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NST photo show draws 20,000

KOTA BARU, Wed. - The New Straits Times photo exhibition drew a large crowd today as visitors, especially school children, thronged the venue to view the exhibits.

Children from several schools, accompanied by their teachers, were the early visitors to the exhibition when it opened at 10am.

They were later followed by the public and shoppers from a shopping mall across the road.

The first to arrive were students from Sekolah Kebangsaan Beris Kubor Besar in Bachok, followed by Sekolah Kebangsaan Kemumin and Sekolah Rendah Jenis Kebangsaan (Cina) Pier Chih.

According to the record in the visitors' book at the exhibition, about 2,000 pupils from 10 schools in the State visited today.

Since the five-day exhibition opened last Saturday, it has attracted more than 20,000 visitors including some from as far as Gua Musang.

Parents made special effort to take their children to the exhibition which closed today. Some of them went home happier, having received gifts and hampers, when they were picked as the lucky visitors for the day.

More than 100 photographs, including 24 on Kelantan Umno activities and 20 Lat's cartoons, were on display.

In addition to the photographs of past and present political leaders, a documentary film on the birth of the nation was also screened for the visitors.

The exhibition, which is on its last-leg in Peninsular Malaysia, was held at the foyer of the State Economic Development Corporation's multi-storey car park building in Jalan Petra Semarak.

It is scheduled to be held in Kota Kinabalu later this month. It has been held in all the States except Perlis.

It was held following the success of the first exhibition in October last year at the Putra World Trade Centre in Kuala Lumpur which was opened by Umno president and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

The exhibition in Kelantan is organised together with the Kelantan Umno and Fujicolor, and sponsored by Sime Bank Bhd, Federal Agricultural Marketing Authority, The Store, Juita Inn and Sutera Inn.

Among other contributors are the Syarikat Kenderaan Melayu Kelantan, Kemubu Agricultural Development Authority, the Kota Baru Municipal Council, Education Department, Community Development Department and Prokel Management.

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