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15,000 visited NST photo exhibition in Alor Star

ALOR STAR, Mon. - More than 15,000 people visited the five-day New Straits Times' photo exhibition on Umno's 50 years' struggles at the Kompleks MPKS.

The exhibition, which ended today, showcased about 90 pictures taken by NST photographers between 1946 and last year.

It also displayed 23 caricatures of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and other leaders by cartoonist Lat. They were chosen from among hundreds of cartoons published by the NST over the years.

Organised by the NST and Kedah Umno with the co-operation of Fujicolor, the exhibition was opened by Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Sanusi Junid on Thursday.

The sponsors are HBR Group of Companies owned by Jerlun MP Datuk Hanafi Ramli, Aima Development Sdn Bhd, Kota Setar Municipal Council, Pelangi Beach Resort, Beringin Beach Resort and Federal Agricultural Marketing Authority.

Over the five-day period, people from all walks of life, including Umno veterans, youths and schoolchildren visited it.

Today, four lucky visitors received gifts donated by Pelangi Beach Resort and Jafila Travel & Tours from State Culture, Arts and Tourism committee chairman Datuk Syed Razak Syed Zain.

One of the winners was 60-year-old Sofiah Shafie who has been an Umno member since 1961 and is still active. She is now a member of the Jerlun Wanita Umno division committee. She won a three-day two-night stay at the Pelangi Beach Resort in Langkawi.

Sofiah, who visited the exhibition for the second time, was excited to see her picture on display.

In the picture, Sofiah who was then the Jerlun Wanita Umno division chairman, was seen celebrating after former Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Syed Nahar Shahabuddin won the Jerlun parliamentary seat uncontested in the 1974 general election.

A tearful Sofiah, who retired as a Kemas supervisor in 1993, said: "I'm touched to see the event recorded. The picture has brought back fond memories."

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