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SOME 5,000 PEOPLE FETED IN INTERNATIONAL FOOD FAIR

PULAU PINANG, April 13 (Bernama) -- Some 5,000 people braved the drizzle to savour the variety of delicacies served at the Pulau Pinang International Food Fair '97 at Padang Kota Lama here tonight.

While tasting a wide range of food on sale by leading hotels, restaurants and stalls, the visitors including thousands of foreign tourists were treated to songs and traditional dances by artistes Erra Fazira and Mindy Quah.

The one-week fair, the first to be held in the state, was initially scheduled to be opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad but was launched by Chief Minister Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon tonight.

Dr Koh said the state government and the people planned to present a "special award" to Dr Mahathir in honour of him for receiving four international awards recently.

"The special award is in the form of "Getaran Jiwa" music composed by the Pulau Pinang Orchestra Symphony which was set up a few months ago," he said.

Getaran Jiwa is Dr Mahathir's favourite number which he used to sing in welfare and charitable functions to raise funds for the poor and needy.

Dr Koh said the people of Pulau Pinang was proud with the award bestowed on Dr Mahathir and held in high esteem his commitment and vision to develop Malaysia to greater heights.

A cooking contest by the best chefs and cooking utensils exhibition would be held at Tun Razak complex in conjunction with the food fair. --
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