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SPECIAL SONG FOR DR MAHATHIR'S BIRTHDAY

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 20 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who visited Angkasapuri today was given a rousing birthday celebration by 700 staff and entertainment artistes who sang a song composed specially for him.

The Prime Minister who turned 72 today was also presented with a birthday cake.

The song titled "Doktorku" (My Doctor) was composed by RTM music director Datuk Ahmad Dassilah while the lyrics were by Information Minister Datuk Mohamad Rahmat.

Dr Mahathir visited Angkasapuri to record his New Year message and also to launch RTM's latest radio channel, Radio 8.

Information Ministry Secretary-General Datuk Zawawi Mahmuddin and Association of Singers, Composers and Songwriters (Papita) president A.Rahman Hassan led the gathering to pledge their loyalty to the Prime Minister.

Although it is his birthday, Dr Mahathir still has a busy schedule. He will be chairing the Umno Supreme Council meeting after this and in the evening, will receive sponsorship for the Le Tour de Langkawi cycling event at the kota Permai Golf Resort in Shah Alam.

Following are the lyrics of the song "Doktorku":

Syukur pada Ilahi  
Hadirnya seorang doktor  
di bumi tercinta ini  
yang gigih berjuang

Bersatu kita bersamanya  
Menegak martabat bangsa  
Agar tercapai cita-cita mulia  
keagungan Malaysia

Berjayalah hai doktorku  
kami setia dibelakangmu  
engkau doktor perjuangan  
doa kami untukmu

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