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Dr M attends preview of stage show for Apec

KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today attended a preview of the stage performance that will be held at the gala dinner hosted by him for State leaders during the Apec summit in November.

The 70-minute show, titled When Rivers Meet, involve a nine-segment performance of dance and music depicting Malaysia's multi-ethnic society, diverse cultures and history.

Also present was Dr Mahathir's wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali.

Staged at the Kuala Lumpur City Hall auditorium by Panggung Negara, the show's cast of 120 also featured local recording artistes Noraniza Idris and Siti Nurhaliza.

Culture, Arts and Tourism Minister Datuk Sabbaruddin Chik who was present at the performance said Dr Mahathir was satisfied with the show.

"The Prime Minister was proud and happy with the show and decided that no part should be cut. But there is room for improvement and changes will be made before it is staged at the Apec dinner in November."

Sabbaruddin said among the changes may be more songs for the finale.

The show, directed by Suhaimi Mohd Zain, was a combined effort of several choreographers from Panggung Negara, the Kwantung dance group, Temple of Fine Arts and Pak Ngah Production.

Today's performance was also in conjunction with the Commonwealth Cultural Festival '98.

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