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Dr M has high hopes for women shuttlers

PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad yesterday watched Malaysia win the badminton team event gold and silver.

Speaking to reporters after presenting the medals at the KLBA Stadium in Cheras, Dr Mahathir said he was happy with the successes and hoped the women's team would one day be world champions.

"I am very happy that we had good wins. Gold for the men and silver for the women," he said.

"This is the first time the women have achieved such a good win. They are all below 19 years of age and this means they have a very good future. Maybe they will also be world champions, I hope. Insyallah."

With him was Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamad Ali, who is patron of the BA of Malaysia.

Dr Mahathir had earlier visited the Commonwealth Games venues for netball in Bukit Kiara and women's hockey stadium in Jalan Pantai.

It was the second day Dr Mahathir had visited the venues to see for himself the running of the Games.

His first stop was the Juara Stadium, the netball venue in Bukit Kiara, where he watched a match between England and Barbados for about half an hour before leaving for Pantai.

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