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Dr Mahathir opens 20-hectare KLCC Park

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A GIFT FOR MALAYSIANS ... Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad hands a scroll to Edzwanie Salfena Mohd Sukrie, nine, signifying the gift of the KLCC Park to the people of Malaysia.

The Prime Minister, on behalf of the people, had just received the scroll from KLCC Holdings which had built the park in the grounds of the Petronas Twin Towers, the world's tallest buildings.

Edzwanie Salfena was then joined by other children in placing the scroll on top of a hillock for all visitors to the 20-hectare park to read.

Accompanied by his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, Dr Mahathir had earlier officially opened the park by unlocking the orchid-decked gates at the end of a wooden bridge.

Stepping past the gates into the park, a burst of fireworks greeted him, sparkingly pretty even against the sunny, blue skies.

Dr Mahathir was then escorted to a platform by the lake to watch the Lake Symphony, two fountains dancing in tandem with the national cultural troupe's drum beats.

Also present were Information Minister Datuk Seri Mohamed Rahmat, KLCC Holdings Bhd chairman Tan Sri Azizan Zainul Abidin, deputy chairman T. Ananda Krishnan, and president and chief executive of Petronas Tan Sri Hassan Marican.

The park was designed by the late Roberto Burle Marx of Brazil, a renowned international landscape artist. It features a playground, wading pool, shelters and benches, patterned foot-paths, sculptures and murals.

Thousands of trees have been planted, including many specially picked to attract birds. It has been opened to the public since May 8.

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