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DR MAHATHIR PLEASED WITH NATIONAL BADMINTON TEAM'S ACHIEVEMENT

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KUALA LUMPUR, 14 Sept (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who was impressed with the national women's badminton team winning the silver medal in the 16th Commonwealth Games badminton competition here tonight, said they would emerge as world champions in the near future.

"This is the first time the women's team has achieved such a great success and the players are only 19 years old and below. This only means that they have a bright future ahead of them and I hope they will become world champs one day," the Prime Minister said.

Dr Mahathir presented medals to winners of the men's team today at the Kuala Lumpur Badminton Stadium, where Malaysia emerged as winners of the gold medal, India (silver) and New Zealand and England (bronze) while the Prime Minister's wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, presented to the winners of the women's team where England bagged the gold, Malaysia (silver), Australia dan India (bronze).

Dr Mahathir also expressed his satisfaction and congratulated both the men's and women's team for their effort, which contributed to the country's medal tally.

Meanwhile, Dr Siti Hasmah said she was confident the national team will win two more gold medals in the upcoming matches, thereby achieving their target, which is three gold medals.

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