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DR MAHATHIR OPENS KLCC PARK

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 29 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today opened the 20-hectare Kuala Lumpur City Centre (KLCC) Park in a colourful ceremony witnessed by hundreds of city folks and tourists.

Dr Mahathir arrived for the ceremony in a green Perodua Kembara with him at the wheel accompanied by his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali.

They were received by Information Minister Datuk Mohamed Rahmat, KLCC Holdings Bhd Chairman Tan Sri Azizan Zainul Abidin, Deputy Chairman Tan Sri Ananda Krishnan and President and Chief Executive of Petronas Tan Sri Hassan Marican.

Dr Mahathir placed a key to unlock the wooden arch that leads visitors into the park.

Balloons were then released into the air as the people roared in delight.

Dr Mahathir then received a scroll from a group of children, signifying that he was receiving the park on behalf of all Malaysians.

Rows of fountains sprouting from the lake held the crowd spellbound.

The park, amidst the KLCC Twin Towers, the world's tallest buildings, was designed by the late Roberto Burle Marx of Brazil, a renowned international landscape artist.

The park has been a growing attraction to Kuala Lumpur folks as well as tourists since its completion on May 8.

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