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MAHATHIR WITNESSES GAMES CLOSING REHEARSAL

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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 19 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad witnessed the full dress rehearsal of the closing ceremony of the 16th Commonwealth Games here tonight.

Also present were his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, Youth and Sports Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin and chairman of Sukom Ninety-Eight Bhd Tan Sri Hashim Mohd Ali.

The ceremony proper on Monday night will have two parts -- the formal ceremony and the international concert.

Among the highlights of the 4 1/2-hour show will be a presentation from the host of the 2002 Games Manchester City and a cultural performance by host country, Malaysia as a farewell gesture to participants of the KL '98 Games.

The international concert will feature Malaysian artistes as well as artistes from the Commonwealth countries.

The head of the Commonwealth, Queen Elizabeth, who is scheduled to arrive tomorrow, will officially close the KL '98 Games.

The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar, who opened the Games on Sept 11, will also grace the closing ceremony.

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