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MAHATHIR OPENS SYMPO 98

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 7 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad opened Malaysia's largest fair, SYMPO `98, near the National Sports Complex in Bukit Jalil here tonight.

Located within 500 metres from the Commonwealth Games venues and spread over a seven-hectare site, the SYMPO `98, among others, will feature exhibits of Malaysian food, products, culture, education and entertainment.

Held in conjunction with the 16th Commonwealth Games, the public would have more than just watch the games as the carnival which began last Thursday would last until Sept 22.

The carnival themed "Malaysia on Show" is organised under the concept "there is something for everyone."

It will be opened from noon until midnight from Mondays to Thursdays and from 10am to midnight on Fridays, weekends and public holidays.

Dr Mahathir, accompanied by his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, Youth and Sports Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin and Kuala Lumpur Datuk Bandar Tan Sri Kamaruzzaman Shariff visited some of the booths displaying various products and services.

He also visited the Sympo Medical Centre, Mickey's World of Fun and the open air concert area.

In his speech, Sympo 98' chairman Datuk Abdul Rahman Hamzah said the carnival was aimed at marketing local products and to support the "Buy Local Products" campaign.

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