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MAHATHIR VISITS MAIN PRESS CENTRE OF 16TH COMMONWEALTH GAMES

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 20 (Bernama) -- After a series of visits to various venues of the 16th Commonwealth Games since the Games kicked off from Sept 11, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today took time off to visit local and foreign journalists at the Main Press Centre (MPC) here.

Located at the Mint Hotel in Sungai Besi near here, the MPC, which is run by Bernama, the national news agency, which also acts as the Host News Agency (HNA).

The MPC has served as the main working area for more than 1,500 local and foreign journalists from the print media while the HNA provides full coverage on the Games through various news and information media.

The prime minister was greeted upon his arrival by Bernama acting general manager and editor-in-chief Syed Jamil Jaafar and MPC director Zainoor Sulaiman.

Dr Mahathir was accompanied by Information Minister Datuk Mohamed Rahmat.

The prime minister toured the MPC and was briefed on its operations by Zainoor.

He also took the opportunity to get feedback from the sports writers on the Games as a whole.

Local and foreign journalists have given the thumbs up to the facilities at the MPC and the co-operation extended by the HNA team.

They also said it was good of Dr Mahathir to visit them at the MPC.

Gayle Alleyne, a photojournalist from Barbados, said she was excited to meet the prime minister.

"Maybe he should have come here earlier but I am happy that he has taken time off to come and see us," she said.

Alleyne, who expressed satisfaction over the services provided by the MPC, said she was sure that Dr Mahathir would be pleased with his visit to the MPC.

The KL Games, dubbed as the "Friendly Games", will end tomorrow.

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