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Red-letter day for Kuching pupils who get to meet the PM

WELCOME ... Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad shaking hands with Sekolah Rendah Bantuan Chung Hua No. 6 pupils (from left) Ng Teck Lee, Fung Lee Ng, Connie Chia and Ngu Mui Hui, all 12, after opening the school in Taman Wee & Wee in Kuching yesterday.

Looking on is vice-chairman of the school board, Wong Tiong Hock.

Dr Mahathir, who was accompanied by his wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, was welcomed by flag-waving pupils who lined the driveway to the school.

A dragon dance greeted him at the school gate where members of the school board, led by its chairman, Temenggong Tan Meng Chong, waited.

Also present were Sarawak Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud and his wife, Puan Sri Laila, Deputy Chief Ministers Datuk Amar Dr George Chan and Tan Sri Alfred Jabu.

Dr Mahathir approved the building of the school in 1995.

The modern four-storey school started classes on Jan 5.

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