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Agricultural exhibition draws 5,000

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. - More than 5,000 people have visited the National Sports Complex, browsing at the various stalls set up to promote agricultural products.

These included wholesome food, beautiful ornamental plants and consumer products from local farms and nurseries.

After a lapse of 31 years, the Malaysia Agriculture, Horticulture and Agrotourism Show 1999 (Maha '99) is making a comeback to provide an avenue for growers, packers, processors and manufacturers to exhibit their products.

The exhibition was brought back with more than 20 government departments, agencies and agro-based companies taking part.

The exhibition is jointly organised by the Agriculture, and Culture, Arts and Tourism ministries, and the private sector.

It was launched last Saturday by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and will end on Tuesday.

The event, themed Agriculture Towards The Next Millennium is aimed at fostering the growth of the agrotourism industry and to promote the richness and diversity of Malaysia's agricultural sector.

With more than 200 stalls, there is so much to see and buy, from the famous minyak gamat berrnadu - a honey-based beverage aimed at improving one's health, local fruit and agricultural produce which are normally on sale at the pasar tani to the latest in new technology and services in the agricultural industry.

Also on sale are ostrich meat, seedlings, fertilisers, agrochemicals and processed food products.

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