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BOOK ON DR M'S SPEECHES LAUNCHED IN BEIJING

KUALA LUMPUR, June 4 (Bernama) -- A book on selected speeches of Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad translated into Mandarin was launched in Beijing Tuesday by visiting Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar.

The "Selected Speeches of Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Prime Minister of Malaysia", expound his ideas and opinions on subjects like the rise of the Asian region, Asian aspirations and values.

Syed Hamid launched it at the Beijing Foreign Studies University. The translation into Mandarin was by the university's Centre of Malays Studies and the World Press,

In his speech, Syed Hamid described the book's launch as a significant contribution to Malaysia-China bilateral ties.

The text of Syed Hamid's speech was sent to Bernama by facsimile today.

Launching the book in Beijing was "most appropriate" as it coincided with the 25th anniversary of the establishment of Malaysia-China diplomatic relations, said Syed Hamid.

Dr Mahathir's selected speeches compiled in the book also highlighted the challenges developing countries faced with the advent of the new millennium, he said.

The university's Director of Malay Teaching and Research Centre Prof Wu Zongyu compiled and translated the speeches.

These include Dr Mahathir's speeches at the United Nations' Conference on Environment and Development in Rio De Janerio in 1992 and last November's International Conference on Managing The Asian Financial Crisis, Lessons and Challenges.

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