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CAPABILITIES OF MALAYSIANS CAN BE PROMOTED

LANGKAWI, Dec 2 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the capability of Malaysian artists in creating high quality products should be promoted more extensively.

"It's good to promote works by the artists as the year 2000 will be heralded very soon," he said at the launching of an Art Exhibition themed Aspirations of the Year 2000 here today.

The function was also attended by Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali and Kedah Menteri Besar Tan Sri Sanusi Junid.

Dr Mahathir said he hoped there would be good response for the album on the works of art launched at the function as well as the art auction in aid of the charity fund by the Association of Wives of Kedah State Assemblymen (BIDARA).

The Prime Minister also congratulated BIDARA for its initiative in organising the programme.

At the function, BIDARA also received a contribution of RM23,000 from the Kedah government and RM30,000 from the Ministry of Culture, Arts and Tourism.

Another RM191,000 was collected from the auction of six pieces of art work.

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