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Mahathir-Drama

DRAMA ON DR MAHATHIR'S STRUGGLES TO BE PRODUCED

KUALA LUMPUR, June 10 (Bernama) -- A serialised drama reflecting on the struggles and biography of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will be produced and aired on television soon.

The drama entitled "The Unfinished Struggles" (Perjuangan Yang Belum Selesai) is based on the poetry written by Dr Mahathir and describes his thoughts and actions in handling issues on the religion.

The 45-minute drama running over 16 episodes costs RM450,000 and is jointly produced by Saga Fortune Sdn Bhd and Yayasan Pasir Mas (YPM) and sponsored by Pacific Chemicals Berhad.

Saga Fortune Sdn Bhd is a Bumiputera company active in the supply and production of dramas aired on television, while YPM is a welfare organisation. Pacific Chemicals Berhad is a property development company.

The agreement signing ceremony for the drama will be held here and witnessed by Information Minister Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob who had earlier launched the drama.

The drama describes the hardship and struggles of a Malay leader who succeeded in lifting the sovereignty and integrity of the race and nation in the eyes of the world.

Shukery Hashim plays the leading role as Dr Kamal while other actors in the drama include Ridzuan Hashim, Zulkifli Zain, M Rajoli, Normala Omar and Ridani.

During the launch of the drama, Khalil said the title of the drama, "The Unfinished Struggles", is synonymous with Dr Mahathir and the people of Malaysia.

He said the struggles for the cause of religion, race and nation needed the commitment of everyone and not just Dr Mahathir who had demonstrated an excellent leadership style.

He also said that the production of the drama based on the theme of patriotism showed that Bumiputera producers were not without ideas and were still capable of carrying on in the local video and film industry which might have suffered from the downturn in the Malaysian economy.

YPM chairman Datuk Ibrahim Ali said the drama would answer all the slanders with regard to religion hurled at Dr Mahathir earlier.

Shooting for the drama will begin in two weeks time and it is expected to be aired over Radio Television Malaysia (RTM) in September, he said.

Profits from the drama would be donated to orphans and the poor, he added.

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