

Dr M hosts tea party for children

PUTRAJAYA, Thurs: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad took time off from his busy schedule to host a tea party for less fortunate children at his residence.

The 250 orphans and special children from 14 welfare homes were the guests of honour at the function, which was held in conjunction with the Welfare Organisation of Ministers' Wives' (Bakti) Children Day celebration.

Mahathir spent time meeting the children and presenting them with goodies.

The children were also treated to a sketch by comedy group *Senario*.

Earlier, Bakti chairman Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali said the organisation spent RM4 million on welfare programmes for the 1999/2000 financial year.

She also said that Bakti's Caring Complex in Sungai Buloh will be completed in August.

"With this complex, we will be able to give special care to orphans, the elderly and single mothers," she added.