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Bakisa clinches Piala Perdana challenge trophy

LANGKAWI, Sun. - Bakisa, the Organisation of Wives of Elected Representatives of Sabah, today won the Piala Perdana 2000 badminton competition for the third consecutive year.

The Bakisa team defeated Bakti (the Organisation of Wives of Ministers and Deputy Ministers) team and walked away with the challenge trophy. Third placing went to Perak's Baiduri.

The competition, held since last Thursday, was organised by Bakti and hosted by Bidara (Kedah) at the Langkawi Development Authority sports complex here.

Winners received their prizes from Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad. Also present were Bakti president Datuk Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed Zain, Perak Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Tajol Rosli Ghazali, Sabah Chief Minister Datuk Seri Osu Sukam, Defence Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak and Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Dr Rais Yatim.

Twelve teams, except for Kelantan and Terengganu, took part in the yearly competition.

The competition was first held in 1985. Next year's competition will be hosted by Bakti.

Dr Mahathir said the event helped to foster closer rapport between wives of Ministers, State Executive Councillors and elected representatives.

Later tonight, Bernama reports that some 500 participants of the Piala Perdana 2000 badminton championship were entertained to a duet by Dr Mahathir and Dr Siti Hasmah. Dr Mahathir and Dr Siti Hasmah, after rendering the 60s song Hati ke Hati, were given a standing ovation. Dr Mahathir, in Langkawi for a three-day official visit, will leave for Alor Star tomorrow for the launching of a book entitled Che Det dan Pekan Rabu.

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