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Mahathir-Artist

EXPRESS THE BEAUTY OF MALAYSIA THROUGH PAINTINGS

LANGKAWI, Nov 4 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today expressed the hope that Italian artists will promote Malaysia through their paintings.

"I hope Italian artists will come to Malaysia often and see the beauty of Malaysia which can inspire them to express the beauty of the country through paintings," he said.

The White Helmets Europe Foundation, a cultural organisation, has brought many Italian artists to attend the 10-day Langkawi International Festival of Arts (Lifa) which ended, here, today.

Dr Mahathir was speaking at the Cultural Exchange of High Fashion and Art organised by the foundation at a hotel, here.

He also hoped that the foundation would continue promoting Malaysia in Italy.

Dr Mahathir said the foundation had been instrumental in putting Malaysia on Italian television.

"They even held a press conference in Italy to help promote Malaysia," he said.

Speaking at a news conference later, he said that Lifa had, among other things, introduced Malaysia to the world.

He said Lifa should be held biennially, alternating with the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition (Lima).

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