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Galleria Perdana should display simple, meaningful gifts, too

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DURING my recent trip to Pulau Langkawi, I brought my children to Galleria Perdana which houses an impressive collection of state gifts presented to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his wife.

It is indeed a very interesting place, with resplendent and magnificent items displayed in glistening glass cases.

Thanks to our Prime Minister who shares with us those invaluable gifts from the heads of other countries.

While glancing through the displayed items, my 10-year-old daughter, Tamie, asked me a question, "Mama, can papa be the Prime Minister tomorrow? (so that we could get these precious gifts, too.)"

This made me ponder: Should we put a "human touch" on the displayed items? I have a suggestion. It seems incomplete to show only those expensive and rare gifts from every part of the world. Because it portrays only one theme: It's not something a layman can afford, something unattainable by the common people.

Remember, we rakyat love our Prime Minister, too. And I believe that some did give simple gifts to him as well, even though they seem to have less value in terms of money. But they could tell of meaningful events.

As the saying goes, a picture paints a thousand words.

A simple item given by the people might tell a heart-warming story, show how much the beloved leader cares for the rakyat.

To the curator of the galleria, do you think this can be done?