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SHAH RUKH KHAN THRILLS FANS WITH MALAY POEM

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KUALA LUMPUR, July 24 (Bernama) -- Bollywood movie star Shah Rukh Khan gave his Malaysian fans more than what they expected.

He not only thrilled them with his dance and acting but also read out a Malay poem at a fund-raising concert at the Putra World Trade Centre here last night.

"Buah cempedak di luar pagar,
Masak sebiji di atas peti,
Hutang emas boleh dibayar,
Hutang budi dibawa mati".

At one stage, when the amused audience roared with laughter as he read out the first two lines of the "pantun" from a piece of paper, Shah Rukh told them in jest:

"Don't make fun of me, I'll ask you to sing songs in Hindi..." he said as the audience roared even louder.

Shah Rukh and fellow movie star, Juhi Chawla, captivated the audience who included Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Ali with their polished performance.

They are in Malaysia for the shooting of the movie, "One Two Ka Four" which had drawn large crowds at its locations in Genting Highlands and the Kuala Lumpur City City Centre (KLCC).

Now on his third visit to Malaysia, Shah Rukh told the audience that he was happy to be in the country and be able to meet the Prime Minister for the second time.

Paying glowing tribute to Dr Mahathir, he said Malaysia could emerge as superpower under his leadership.

Manisha Koirala, another favourite actress among Hindi movie fans in Malaysia and top singer Udit Narayanan, who has scores of hit movie songs to his credit, also performed at the concert to raise funds for Bakti -- the association of wives of Ministers and Deputy Ministers led by Dr Siti Hasmah.

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