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Bakisa wins badminton competition

KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. - Bakisa, the Organisation of Wives of Elected Representatives of Sabah, today won the Piala Perdana 2001 badminton competition for the fourth consecutive year at the Kuala Lumpur Badminton Stadium in Cheras.

They defeated Bakti (Organisation of Wives of Ministers and Deputy Ministers) 4-1. Third was Perak's Baiduri. The competition, which began on Tuesday, was organised and hosted by Bakti.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad gave away the prizes.

Present were Bakti president Datuk Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and his wife Datin Seri Endon Mahmood, Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed Zain, Perak Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Tajol Rosli Ghazali, Perlis Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim and Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Khir Toyo.

Also present were Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik, Defence Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, Culture, Arts and Tourism Minister Datuk Abdul Kadir Sheikh Fadzir and Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Tan Sri Bernard Dompok.

Twelve teams took part in the annual competition.

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

Dr Mahathir said the event helped to foster closer rapport among wives of leaders.

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