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Dinner-Record

DINNER WITH PM MAKES IT INTO MALAYSIA BOOK OF RECORDS

MELAKA, July 16 (Bernama) -- A dinner with Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad attended by thousands of people here tonight has made it into the Malaysia Book of Records.

Held at Dataran Sejarah in Air Keroh, it has been declared as the dinner attended by the most number of people in Malaysia.

As estimated 25,000 people turned up, breaking the previous record attendance of 20,200 at a dinner in Negeri Sembilan.

Malaysian Book of Records managing director Danny Ooi presented a certificate acknowledging the new record to Dr Mahathir, who celebrates his 20th anniversary as prime minister today.

Dr Mahathir then handed over the certificate to Melaka Chief Minister Datuk Wira Mohd Ali Rustam.

The prime minister and the others guests were also treated to cultural performances and a firework display.

There was also a recital of a poetry about Dr Mahathir written and read out by poet Noor S.N.

A total of 2,500 tables were provided by the organisers and 17 chefs were deployed to prepare the food. Another 500 people were on duty to ensure the dinner proceeded smoothly.

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