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DR M ARRIVES TO ATTEND MALAYSIA OPEN HOUSE

PENANG, Feb 4 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali arrived here this evening to attend the Malaysia Open House in conjunction with the national-level Chinese New Year celebrations.

They were received at the Bayan Lepas International Airport by Deputy Chief Minister Datuk Dr Hilmi Yahaya, State Legislative Assembly Speaker Datuk Yahaya Abdul Hamid and state executive councillors.

Dr Mahathir and Dr Siti Hasmah are scheduled to have tea with state executive councillors and assemblymen at a hotel here before proceeding to attend the Malaysia Open House at Lebuh Armenian/Lebuh Cannon tonight.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and several ministers would join Dr Mahathir at the "street party" open house.

Penang is the first state to be given the honour to host the national-level Chinese New Year open house organised by the Culture, Arts and Tourism Ministry.

Various events including cultural shows would be performed at the open house.

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