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DR MAHATHIR ATTENDS CHARITY CONCERT

KUALA LUMPUR, July 6 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad tonight attended the Sultanah Bahiyah Foundation International Charity Concert.

The concert was held at a hotel here in conjunction with the 73rd birthday anniversary of the Sultan of Kedah. The concert aimed to collect fund for the Foundation's programmes.

Also present were the Sultan and Sultanah of Kedah, the Prime Minister's wife Datin Sri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Syed Razak Syed Zain and other dignitaries.

Local and international artistes entertained the guests at the function. The Sultan of Kedah also cut a cake to mark his birthday anniversary.

The Sultanah Bahiyah Foundation was established in 1996 to undertake various community programmes in Kedah.

Among the programmes were the "Titian Bistari" Project to provide tuition in English language and mathematics to selected pupils in rural primary schools.

Speaking at the function, Foundation chairman Datuk Seri Tunku Puteri Intan Safinaz said the Foundation acted as an agent of change which brought long-term benefits to the target groups.

She said the Foundation also planned to undertake other programmes such as courses in theatre and music classes for youths to nurture their talent in the arts and to create a resource and information centre for youths.

She said the Foundation also helped women through the programme for single mothers to be self-sufficient and to help elderly people who were poor.

At the function, several philanthropists gave their contributions to the Foundation.

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