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Duet by Dr M and wife nets RM350,000 at fund raiser

WHOLESOME DUET ... Taking time from his hectic schedule, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and wife Datuk Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamad Ali captivated audience with their vocals at a fund-raising dinner last night.

And captivated they were!

For their rendition of Come Back to Sorrento, made famous by Frank Sinatra, they raised RM350,000 for the Malaysia Crime Prevention Foundation (MCPF).

A contributor who wished to remain anonymous showed his appreciation by donating RM250,000, while another RM100,000 came from Maju Holdings.

Also present were Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, his wife Datin Seri Endon Mahmood, Defence Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, who is also MCPF chairman and Works Minister Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu.

Also present were Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Norian Mai, his deputy Datuk Jamil Johari and senior officers.

The fund-raising dinner, held at the Mandarin Oriental in Kuala Lumpur, saw a turnout of who's who of the corporate world.

Earlier, when addressing those present, the Prime Minister reminded them about the importance of police-public co-operation.

"The police cannot continue to uphold the law without public co-operation," he said.

Citing an example, he said when citizens do not come forward and assist in investigations, this hampers police work.

Dr Mahathir also presented awards to Datuk Lee Lam Thye, Datuk William Lim and Hassan Othman in recognition of their services to the MCPF.

He later received contributions totalling more than RM2 million from corporate personalities.

Among the donors were Petronas (RM500,000), Resort World Berhad (RM250,000), Arab-Malaysian Group (RM125,000), UMW Holdings Berhad and MRCB (both RM100,000).

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