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MAHATHIR AND WIFE TREATED TO SPECIAL TEA CEREMONY

PUTRAJAYA, Aug 29 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali were today treated to a special Chinese tea ceremony, which originated some 2,500 years ago.

The ceremony, held at the field of Sekolah Menengah Putrajaya here, was witnessed by 2000 representatives of the country's Chinese organisations.

During the ceremony, Dr Mahathir and his wife were served with the "Red Robe", the tea of the Chinese emperors, by the community as well as wishes of everlasting happiness, good health and longevity.

The tea costs RM3,500 per kg with a cupful costing RM35.

The tea ceremony was held in conjunction with the gathering of 80 Chinese organisations here.

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