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ORGANISE OTHER SPORTS ACTIVITIES TOO, BAKTI TOLD

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 5 (Bernama) -- The charitable and welfare body of wives of ministers and deputy ministers, BAKTI should organise badminton and other sports activities to foster closer ties among members, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today.

"The badminton event such as this enables wives of members of the government to get to know and interact with each other," he said when officiating the closing of the 16th Premier Cup Badminton Championship at the Kuala Lumpur Badminton Stadium in Cheras here.

All states except Terengganu and Kelantan took part in the annual competition organised by BAKTI. Perak will host the competition for next year.

"I'm no sports fan but my wife (Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali) insists that I must come here," said Dr Mahathir in a lighter vein.

Together with Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and several other cabinet ministers, he spent almost five hours watching the final.

The BAKISA team from Sabah emerged champion for the fourth consecutive times when they defeated BAKTI 4-1 in the final.

BAKTI President Dr Siti Hasmah in her speech thanked the participants and sponsors for making the six-day event a success.

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