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Thousands throng Pendang for Farmers Day celebration

PENDANG, Mon. - Pendang is suddenly buzzing with activity.

The quiet town, already congested with party workers for the Pendang and Anak Bukit by-elections, today welcomed thousands of visitors to the Kedah Farmers, Livestock Breeders and Fishermen's Day 2002.

Visitors thronged the venue as early as 8am.

Sales and Promotion committee member Rodzai Md Zain said the 10,000 bottles of mineral water for the visitors were not enough.

Many visitors were also there to see Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

There were 117 exhibition booths at the exposition held at Taman Rekreasi Pendang.

They included 57 booths representing government departments and agencies such as the Agriculture and Veterinary departments, Muda Agricultural Development Authority, Kedah Farmers Association and Rakan Muda.

The remaining 60 booths were slotted for private companies.

Food stalls offering an assortment of delicacies were in abundance.

In conjunction with the celebration, the Prime Minister also presented prizes to winners of the 2002 Kedah Farmers, Livestock Breeders and Fishermen's Day competition.

Among the winners were Ishak Hussain in the Successful Fish Farming Developer category; Mohd Daud Shaari in the Successful (Small) Farmers category; Hashim Bahari in the Successful Livestock Breeder category; and Md Zain Bakar in the Successful Fishermen category.

Also present were Umno vice-presidents Datuk Seri Najib Razak and Tan Sri Muhammad Muhammad Taib, secretary-general Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob, Information chief Tan Sri Megat Junid Megat Ayob, Agriculture Minister Datuk Dr Effendi Norwawi and Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed Zain.