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DR MAHATHIR ATTENDS GATHERING OF UPM STUDENTS AND STAFF

SERDANG, Jan 16 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad attended a gathering of students and staff of Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) at the university's Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah Cultural and Arts Centre, here this afternoon.

Dr Mahathir and wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali were greeted on arrival by more than 5,000 students and staff of the university.

The ceremony began with the singing of the UPM song 'Putera Gemilang' and a prayer recital.

At the function, the prime minister presented letters of appointment of the UPM Student Representative Council (MPP) to Council president Mohd Nasir Othman.

Dr Mahathir also witnessed the pledge-taking by the students led by Mohd Nasir who later presented the pledge to the prime minister.

Dr Mahathir also received the ISO 9001 certificate from Sirim QAS Sdn Bhd chairman Datuk Dr Mohd Ariffin Atun on behalf of the university's Engineering Faculty and later handed it over to the dean of the faculty, Prof Dr Radin Umar Radin Sohadi.

At the same function, the staff and officers of UPM handed their letter of undertaking on good conduct to Education Minister Tan Sri Musa Mohamad who was also present at the function.

UPM, which started as an agriculture school in 1931, had grown rapidly and now had 13 faculties and three research institutes in various fields.

At the function, the prime minister spent time to mingle with the students and academic staff of UPM and visited the stalls set up.

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