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Dr M and wife fry their way into record books

KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his wife Datuk Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali were part of a team which made it to the Malaysian Book of Records tonight.

They took part in a 50-hour non-stop koay teow frying event at the Malaysia Tourism Centre in Jalan Ampang. It was held in conjunction with the Food and Fruit Fiesta 2002 organised by the Culture, Arts and Tourism Ministry which ended tonight.

Dr Siti Hasmah fried the last pan of koay teow at 11pm. Seventy-two chefs from hotels and eateries had earlier taken turns to fry, beginning 9pm on July 12.

Dr Mahathir and Dr Siti Hasmah later ate the koay teow to mark the 50th hour of non-stop frying watched by representatives from the Malaysia Book of Records and thousands of visitors.

Earlier, he signed the visitors' book at the Saloma Restaurant before being entertained for about an hour by an 11-piece band called Andalucia from Morocco.

He visited some of the 100-odd stalls selling food and fruits.

The Prime Minister and his wife were later joined by KL mayor Datuk Mohamad Shaid Mohd Taufek and Culture, Arts and Tourism Ministry secretary-general Tengku Datuk Alaudin Tengku Abdul Majid for dinner.

Themed "Jom Makan-Makan", the fiesta, held at the centre, started at 8pm on Friday.