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Signaturen drive to say `thank you' to Dr M

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AS Malaysia approaches its 45th celebration of independence, popular Chinese radio station 988 recently held a Terima Kasih Merdeka Card 2002 launching ceremony in Sungei Wang Plaza in Kuala Lumpur.

The event is to express gratitude to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who has captained the country for 21 of the 45 years of independence.

The launch was officiated by Culture, Arts and Tourism Deputy Minister Datuk Dr Ng Yen Yen and Radio Rediffusion Sdn Bhd chief executive officer Christina Low.

Also present were AmBank Bhd's chief managing director Cheah Tek Kuang, sponsor Eu Yan Sang's retail manager Wong Kah Cane, Blood Bank representative Azalina Abdullah and Dr Lela Yasmin of Hospital Kuala Lumpur.

The 988 team will tour the country to collect signatures and Merdeka messages from the public.

The roadshow will feature popular local artiste Zhang Ze and Baby as well as deejays from 988.

The signatures will be collected on A3 sheets, which will be used to make the 988 "Thank You" card.

The completed card will be presented to Dr Mahathir on Aug 31 at the MTC, after which it will be displayed for public viewing.

988 seeks to make the signature drive a Malaysia Book of Records achievement.

In the spirit of gratitude, a blood and organ donation drive was also held at the launch.

Other blood donation drives would be held at the roadshow stops including Ipoh (Ipoh Parade) this Saturday from 10am to 2pm, Malacca (Mahkota Parade, Aug 24, noon-5pm) and Johor Baru (Kompleks Cukai Bebas JB, Aug 25, noon-5pm).

Those - including schools and companies - unable to make it to any of the roadshow stops can participate by requesting that the signature sheets be sent to them.

For more information on the card event, contact Radio Rediffusion at 03-40481988.