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A SPIRITED RENDITION OF DR MAHATHIR'S POEM

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 22 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's poem was given a spirited rendition at the Angkasapuri Declamation of Poetry 2002 here this evening.

The poetry entitled "Di Atas Runtuhan Kota Melaka Kita Dirikan Putrajaya" (Upon the Ruins of Melaka Fort We Erected Putrajaya) was first recited by the Prime Minister on Aug 29 at the Patriotic Poetry Fest 2001 in Putrajaya.

Composer Ibrahim Bachik turned it into a song which was rendered by six singers including Naseer Wahab, Khairul Johari Johar and Rozita Izlyn at the function. The event, held at the Auditorium Perdana, Angkasapuri, was telecast live over the channel one of RTM.

Information Minister Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob, his deputy Datuk Zainuddin Maidin and Deputy Human Resources Minister Dr Abdul Latif Ahmad were also present at the two-hour event which also included a segment in appreciation of national laureate, the late Datuk Dr Usman Awang.

Others who presented their poems at the function were Kumpulan Puncak Santubong Unimas, Zubir Ali and Pyan Habib.

Singer Siti Nurhaliza capped the night with her rendition of a poem by Habshah Hassan entitled "Lelaki" (men).

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