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NON-MALAY COUPLES NAME THEIR CHILDREN AFTER PRIME MINISTER

LANGKAWI, April 30 (Bernama) -- Non-Malay couples who are impressed with Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's leadership capabilities have also named their children after the Prime Minister.

Managing Director of Intan Desa (L) Sdn Bhd Aziz Desa said a Japanese mother in Kuala Lumpur contacted him recently to enter her son in the "Search for 100 Mahathirs" programme organised by his company.

Aziz said so far he had received response from 39 namesakes willing to enter the programme and has now extended the closing date for entries to June 30.

An individual named Mahathir can participate in the programme by submitting a copy of his identity card, a postcard-sized photograph and reasons for having been named as such.

Aziz hopes to gather 100 "Mahathirs" and plans to bring them to meet up with the Prime Minister followed by a trip to Langkawi.

Prior to this programme the company had gathered 31 "Mahsuris", after the Langkawi legend, to earn a mention in the Malaysia Book of Records for the largest gathering of namesakes.

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