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PM visits handicraft exhibition

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LONDON, Mon. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad spent a leisurely stopover here yesterday visiting a Malaysian handicraft exhibition organised by Kraftangan Malaysia.

The Prime Minister spent an hour looking at a wide collection of indigenous handicraft as well as a fashion show promoting Malaysian textile and designs.

The two-week exhibition is being held at Oriental City, a supermarket and food court which is fast becoming home away from home for many Malaysians as it sells Malaysian products and food. It also regularly hosts and promotes Malaysian events.

The Prime Minister, who was accompanied by Malaysian High Commissioner to London, Datuk Salim Hashim, was met by the mayor of Brent, councillor Abdul Sattar-Butt.

He was taken on a tour of the exhibition by Kraftangan Director-General Zakiah Ahmad.

Dr Mahathir also showed a keen interest in the kind of food products sold at the supermarket.

Oriental City Managing Director Ronald Lim said he was honoured that the Prime Minister had taken time to visit the exhibition and supermarket.

"He was especially impressed with our food court where there are food stalls from all Asean countries."

Lim added that the Prime Minister seemed pleased that Oriental City stocked lesser known brands of food products from the region.

The Prime Minister left for home today.