

# PM and wife spend day with his staff and their families

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SOME 500 staff of the Prime Minister's Department together with their families enjoyed a fun-filled Family Day at the Guoman Resort in Port Dickson on Sunday.

They were joined by their 'boss' Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ah. who had arrived a day earlier and spent the night at the TNB holiday condominium near Guoman.

During that night's buffet dinner, Dr Mahathir told his staff: "Do not be too disappointed if you fail to win anything, be it the singing contest, fancy dress or any other competition.

"There is always next year unless you're no longer in the civil service or if you're going to retire soon. Then, that's a different story," he said in jest.

After dinner, Dr Mahathir presented prizes to the winners before going on stage to sing his favourite song, Frank Sinatra's *My Way* to loud cheers from the crowd.

Early on Sunday, Dr Mahathir went horse-riding and was joined by several prominent figures such as Ambank Group chairman Tan Sri Azman Hashim, Berjaya Group chairman Tan Sri Vincent Tan and Second Finance Minister Datuk Jamaiuddin Jarjis.

Later, he blended with the crowd to perform

"tai chi" and took part in a teh *tarik* competition in which he emerged the winner while Dr Siti Hasmah emerged second in the women's category.

Dr Mahathir also participated in a telematch contest with his wife and several games shortly before mingling with the crowd.

Many, including members of the press, took the opportunity to have their photographs taken with Dr Mahathir who would be retiring in October this year.

The gathering, organised by the department's social and sports club, went smoothly as planned and came to an end just after noon.