

# Photo tribute to Mahathir draws warm comments

**KUALA LUMPUR:** "Impressed and sad", "Thank you Dr Mahathir", "Impossible to forget" are some of the comments by visitors to a photography exhibition, *One Thousand Faces of Dr Mahathir*, being held at the National Art Gallery.

What is heartening is that visitors to the month-long exhibition, which started on Tuesday, are mostly youngsters.

A survey of the exhibition, held in tribute to Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who steps down as prime minister at the end of the month, found that youths of all races made up the largest group of visitors.

Three from six students of SM Puteri Titiwangsa - Elly Shazana, Rathiga and Norjana Abdul Kadir - described the exhibition as meaningful to students.

"We were born and grew up under Dr Mahathir's administration. The country's development and the international recognition gained make us proud. Thank you PM," Elly said.

"I like the photograph of the PM's wife (Datuk Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali) pouring a drink for Dr Mahathir at home. The picture captures a warm moment between a husband and a wife who have made great contributions towards the country's

development," Rathiga said.

Salmah Noor, 58, a former administrative officer from Penang, said: "I am amazed at Dr Mahathir's capabilities. The exhibition gives us an opportunity to look back at all that he has done."

Among the photographs that touched visitors most is the one taken when Mahathir announced his intention to retire at the Umno general assembly last year.

"Looking at the picture, it reminds me of how surprised the people were with the announcement. I am now beginning to feel the loss," housewife Hafida Mohd Isa said.