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CANDID SHOTS OF DR MAHATHIR ON DISPLAY AT PHOTO EXHIBITION

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 2 (Bernama) -- Candid shots of the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will be on display at the two-month photo exhibition entitled "A Thousand Faces of Dr Mahathir: A Tribute to a Statesman" beginning at the National Art Gallery here on Tuesday.

These are quality pictures taken by professional photographers, Information Minister Tan Sri Khalil Yaakib said today.

These candid pictures of the Prime Minister had never been published before, he said after inspecting preparations for the exhibition at the gallery. He was accompanied by Bernama General Manager Datuk Syed Jamil Jaafar, who is the project coordinator.

Tan Sri Khalil said all in all 80,000 photographs were submitted by the respective media organisations and of these 10,000 were shortlisted by a panel and out of these more than 1,000 were picked for the exhibition.

The exhibition will be opened by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Tuanku Syed Putra Jamalullail on Monday.

Tan Sri Khalil said that at the end of the exhibition here, the pictures would also be exhibited at zone and state levels.

The photos would not be offered for sale, he added.

"The secretariat will decide how best to keep these pictures and to give them to whom, but they will not be sold," he said.

Tan Sri Khalil said the exhibition was the expression of gratitude by all sections of the local media for the invaluable contributions made to the country and the people by Dr Mahathir. The Prime Minister retires at the end of this month.

The exhibition will be on from 10am to 6pm. Admission is free.

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