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DR MAHATHIR ARRIVES TO ATTEND EX-COLLEGE MATES' WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

KUCHING, Dec 20 (Bernama) -- Former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad arrived here this afternoon to attend the golden wedding anniversary celebration of his former medical college mates, former deputy chief minister Tan Sri Dr Wong Soon Kai and his wife, Puan Sri Dr Jane Wong tonight.

On hand to welcome him and his wife, Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, at the airport here were Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud, Deputy Chief Minister Tan Sri Alfred Jabu and other state dignitaries.

Asked if his visit to Kuching was purely for leisure, Dr Mahathir said: "I come here because of Dr Wong's wedding anniversary. We were classmates,"

Both couples had studied together at the King Edward VII Medical College in Singapore back in the 50s.

Since retiring as premier on Oct 31 this year, Dr Mahathir had been invited to speak at international forums in places like Italy, Japan and South Korea.

His next speaking engagement will be at an economic forum in Saudi Arabia next month.

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