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DR MAHATHIR CELEBRATES WITH HIS EX-CLASSMATES

PUTRAJAYA, Jan 10 (Bernama) -- About 500 of the Sultan Abdul Hamid Old Collegian Association members were feted by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali at Seri Perdana here today.

The annual event was held for the third time in his official residence in Putrajaya.

Dr Mahathir, the association's president, joked and said he was happy to meet his former classmates in his brief speech.

This would be the last gathering held in Seri Perdana as he would be resigning as prime minister in October.

Earlier, Dr Mahathir cut his 77th birthday cake that was presented by the association, followed by a rousing rendition of happy birthday and "He's a jolly good fellow".

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