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DR MAHATHIR ENTERTAINS CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS AT SERI PERDANA

PUTRAJAYA, July 10 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad tonight entertained participants of the World Conference of Islamic Scholars to a dinner at his official residence, Seri Perdana here.

Among those present were Sheikh Al-Azhar Dr Mohammad Sayyid Tantawi of Egypt, conference main committee chairman Tan Sri Dr Abdul Hamid Othman and conference executing committee chairman Datuk Mohamed Nakhai Ahmad.

The three-day conference with the theme of "Islam in the Era of Globalisation" was opened by Dr Mahathir.

Some 900 participants from 34 countries including Malaysia are attending the conference which began today.

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