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Mahathir - paintings (With pix)

DR MAHATHIR LAUNCHES "EXPRESSIONS OF PUTRAJAYA" PAINTINGS EXHIBITION

PUTRAJAYA, 13 Oct (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today launched a paintings exhibition here comprising art works of the buildings, the wetlands and the flora and fauna of Putrajaya.

The exhibition, themed "Expressions of Putrajaya", consists of 30 pieces of art by seven artists who are lecturers from the Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM).

The exhibition, organised by the main developer of the Government administrative centre, Putrajaya Holdings Sdn Bhd, will be open to the public from tomorrow until Oct 26.

At the launch, the Prime Minister was also presented with two books, entitled "The Making of Putrajaya - The Developers's Perspective (1995-2002)" and "Bridges of Putrajaya", produced by the company.

Speaking at the launch, Putrajaya Holdings chairman Datuk Mohd Hashim Hassan, said the first book traced the journey in building this world-class city from 1995 to 2002, while the second highlighted the eight landmark bridges in the city.

He also said that Putrajaya's success in general was indicative of national abilities as a nation.

He said Putrajaya was not only Malaysia's new administrative capital but also a showcase of Malaysian creativity, technology, culture, heritage and natural bounty.

Mohd Hashim said that it was as a result of the vision of Dr Mahathir also that Putrajaya was born.

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