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Mahathir-Exhibition

DR MAHATHIR OPENS EXHIBITION ON ISLAMIC TENTS

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 9 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad opened the first-ever exhibition on tents of the Muslim world to be held in Asia at the Malaysian Islamic Arts Museum here, today.

The exhibition, themed "Beyond Boundaries: Tents of the Islamic World", will be held for four months at the special galleries 1 and 2 of the museum in Jalan Lembah starting tomorrow.

It will be open daily from 10am to 6pm except for Monday.

In his speech, Dr Mahathir, who was accompanied by his wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, said the exhibition was significant as a source of information about the lifestyle of the past and expressed his confidence that it would attract many visitors.

He hoped that the visitors would gain a lot of valuable information from the exhibition.

The exhibition is organised by the Islamic Arts Museum in collaboration with the Hamburg Museum of Ethnography. It is sponsored by Siemens, Mas Kargo, Malaysia Airlines, the Hamburg Volkerkunde Museum, Tiga Events Sdn Bhd, the Albukhary Foundation and Bholm Voss Schenker Stinnes Logistics.

According to a media release, this is the first time that the tents, which belong to the Hamburg Museum of Ethnography in Germany, are being displayed outside that museum.

It gives a glimpse into the lives, customs and traditions of the nomads centuries ago.

The entrance fee is RM8 for adults and RM4 for those under 18 while children under six can enter free.

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