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Gallery-Contribute

GALERIA SRI PERDANA SEEKS MEMENTOS OF DR MAHATHIR FROM THE PUBLIC

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 22 (Bernama) -- The Director-General of the National Archives, Rahani Jamil, has appealed to members of the public who possessed mementos related to former Prime Minister, Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, to contribute them for display at the Galeria Sri Perdana.

She said by doing so, the contributors could share the materials with fellow Malaysians. Apart from that, they could also assist the National Archives in offering more variety to the displays at the gallery.

"There are snapshots of Dr Mahathir taken by the public which are good and meaningful...some of them have not even been seen by Dr Mahathir himself," she told reporters at the National Archives Aidilfitri Open House here today.

She said that the mementos need not be photographs but also in other forms such as newspaper clippings and caricatures.

"Our hope is that we can fill the gallery with lots of stuff...we don't want the same things displayed forever...we must change from time to time. The public will be bored if they see the same things over and over again," she added.

Rahani said each owner who contributed a memento would be rewarded with a small token of appreciation.

She also assured contributors that the materials would be well looked after by the National Archives.

Galeria Sri Perdana was formerly the official residence of the former Prime Minister before it was renovated into a gallery to display mementos of Dr Mahathir as an appreciation to the great statesman who has now been now declared the Father of Malaysia's Modernisation.

The gallery was officially opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi on Saturday.

It is open daily from 10am to 5pm, except on Mondays.

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