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KADIR LAUNCHES PRIME MIINISTER'S NOSTALGIC 23 PIECES OF PAINTINGS

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 29 (Bernama) -- The Country Heights Group of Companies has come up with a unique way of saying "thank you" to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad -- by way of paintings.

A collection of 23 pieces of paintings of nostalgic events reflecting the Prime Minister's milestones, major decisions and achievements throughout his years of service to the country, was launched by Culture, Arts and Tourism Minister Datuk Paduka Abdul Kadir Sheikh Fadzir.

Among the works are those illustrating the Petronas Twin Towers, Putrajaya and the figure 2020 with a portrait of Dr Mahathir. They carry titles depicting his successes that coincide with the theme of each year's National Day celebrations.

In his speech at the ceremony held at the Palace of the Golden Horses, Kadir complimented the company's efforts, saying it was "a great way to say thank you to the Prime minister."

One Academy, consisting of multi-racial professional artists, was chosen to paint the 23 pieces of art, worth RM100,000. Among them were Lee Hoon Sun, for his 1981 depiction of the standardisation of the national time for the whole country.

Kadir highlighted the Prime Minister's Vision 2020 as the most important of all, saying "the most important objective of Vision 2020 is the forming of Bangsa Malaysia".

"We do not force everyone into one corner, we start moving to a common centre. We will not be distinguished by our different races, we will live as a Malaysian," he added.

The founder and chairman of Mines Resort City, Tan Sri Lee Kim Yew, said the public can view the paintings at the hotel from today until Sept 2.

The paintings, which will later be given to the Government, will also be on display at Balai Seni Lukis Negara.

Deputy Minister of Culture, Arts and Tourism Datuk Foo Ah Kiow was also present at the launching ceremony.

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