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MAMMOTH COMMUNITY DINNER TO HONOUR DR MAHATHIR IN KELANTAN

KOTA BAHARU, Sept 11 (Bernama) -- The Kelantan Umno will hold a mammoth community dinner in conjunction with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's one-day visit to the state on Monday, Kelantan Umno liaison chief Datuk Mustapa Mohamed said today.

He said that some 10,000 people were expected to attend the dinner at the Wakaf Mek Zainab Schools Complex here.

"Everybody is invited to attend the dinner to hear the Prime Minister's address," he told a media conference here.

Mustapa said that the Kelantan Umno was organising the dinner to honour Dr Mahathir and as a mark of appreciation and gratitude for his contributions to Kelantan over the past 22 years.

"We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who, even though Kelantan is not under the Barisan Nasional (BN) rule, always gives his attention to problems in the state," he said.

Kelantan has been under PAS rule since 1990.

The Prime Minister is scheduled to attend the launching of the Sultan Ismail Petra bridge, the second spanning the Sungai Kelantan, linking Kota Baharu with Pasir Mas, by the Sultan of Kelantan in Tendong, Pasir Mas in the morning.

He is scheduled to meet federal government department heads in the afternoon.

Later, Dr Mahathir and Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali are expected to be accorded a grand welcome in Tanah Merah in conjunction with the launching of the state-level Farmers' Day.

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