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MAHATHIR HOSTS DINNER FOR DELEGATES AND EXHIBITORS OF LIMA `03

LANGKAWI, Sept 30 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad hosted a dinner for delegates and exhibitors of the Langkawi International Aerospace and Maritime Exhibition 2003 (Lima `03) here tonight.

Present were the Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah of Brunei, the prime minister's wife, Datuk Seri Dr Hasmah Mohamed Ali, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, Defence Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak and other cabinet ministers. The guests were entertained by Malaysian singer Yusni Hamid.

The dinner at the Mahsuri International Exhibition Centre (MIEC) also saw Le Proton, the organiser of the aerospace section of Lima, presenting a memento to Dr Mahathir in the form of a replica of the aircraft first flown by the Wright Brothers, in recognition of the prime ministers' interest in the aviation industry.

The memento was presented by Datuk Radzi Manan, the executive chairman of Le Proton.

Najib presented a diamond-shaped Langkawi crystal to Dr Mahathir for his leadership and for being the driving force behind Lima.

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