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MAHATHIR LAUNCHES LIMA '03's MARITIME SECTION

LANGKAWI, Sept 30 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad launched the maritime section of the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition 2003 (Lima '03) in a simple but meaningful ceremony here today.

Dr Mahathir, accompanied by Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah of Brunei, cut a ribbon to signify the launch at the Awana Porto Malai.

This was followed by a demonstration by the Pasukan Khas Laut (Paskal), the commandos of the Royal Malaysian Navy, and Fire and Rescue Department and police personnel who showed their prowess in the water.

The prime minister also witnessed a fly-past by six helicopters from ships on display at Lima '03. Dr Mahathir then moved to the maritime exhibition centre where he launched Business Focus Sdn Bhd, the holding company of PSC Naval Dockyard which is owned by businessman Tan Sri Amin Shah.

At the launching of Business Focus he was entertained to a popular Malay number, Lagenda, by singer Datuk Sharifah Aini.

The rendition of the song was accompanied by a video clip showing the prime minister's achievements while in power for the last 22 years. He was later presented with a VCD version of the video clip.

Afterwards, he went on a boat ride to visit the ships which were docked at the maritime exhibition venue.

He later witnessed the official handing over of a unit of the British-made Super Lynx 300 maritime helicopter to the Royal Malaysian Navy.

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