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OVER 5,000 VISIT NOMADIC TENT EXHIBITION

KUALA LUMPUR, March 1 (Bernama) -- Over 5,000 local and international visitors have been to the "Through the Boundaries: Tents from the Islamic World" exhibition since its launched on Jan 9 at the Islamic Arts Museum Malaysia.

Organised with the co-operation of the Hamburg Ethnography Museum in Germany, at the cost of RM1 million, the exhibition was launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad. It ends on May 18.

In a media statement, the museum curator said the number of visitors increased by 55 per cent in the first six weeks after the official launch compared to the same period last year.

The exhibition was sponsored by Siemens, MAS Kargo, Malaysia Airlines, Volkerkunde Hamburg Museum, Tiga Events Sdn Bhd, Yayasan Albukhary and Blohm + Voss & Schenker Stinnes Logistics.

The exhibition displayed five tents from along the Silk Route. Four tents were from Middle Asia - Kirghiz, Turkoman, Turkey dan Mongolia. The tents portrayed many motifs, designs and verses of poetry displaying the architectural wonders.

The fifth tent on display, belonging to the museum, was a unique Egyptian traditional wedding tent used in the 19th century. The tents were equipped with furniture and decorated according to the culture of the time.

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