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PM HOSTS THANK YOU SHOW FOR LIMA `03

LANGKAWI, Oct 3 (Bernama) - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad tonight hosted a "Thank You Dinner" in conjunction with the six-day Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace exhibition 2003 (LIMA `03) that ends on Sunday.

The dinner, held at Dataran Lang in Kuah, here feted not only the participants of the biennial show but also the folks of this resort island. This would be the last LIMA attended by Dr Mahathir as Prime Minister before his retirement which is due at the end of the month.

Among the over 3,000 people that attended the open-air feast were the Prime Minister's wife Datuk Seri Dr Hasmah Mohd Ali, Defence Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak and Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed Zain.

The two-hour dinner started with poem recitals paying tribute to Dr Mahathir and they were followed by traditional and cultural performances.

The guests were later entertained by local artistes who included Siti Nurhaliza, Ella and the singing couple Nurul and Ajai.

The Prime Minister and wife then left the dinner for the Langkawi International Airport to return to Kuala Lumpur.

They were sent off by Najib and wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor.

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