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PRIME MINISTER LAUNCHES SOUVENIRS FOR NAM DELEGATES

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 6 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today launched commemorative coins, commemorative stamps, first day covers and the new edition of the Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP) book in conjunction with the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Summit at the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC), here today.

They were part of the souvenirs to be presented to the NAM delegates to remember the historic day and at the same time, some were already on sale to the public.

In his welcoming speech, Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar said there were three types of coins namely the gold proof, the silver proof and the Nordic gold.

He said 300 pieces of the gold proof were produced with a purity of 999.9 and weighing 8.6 grams each. They had a face value of RM100 and sold at RM888 each.

He said 2,400 pieces of the silver proof coins were made of sterling silver with a purity of 925 and weighing 21.7 grams each. They had a face value of RM10 and sold at RM128 each.

Syed Hamid said the Nordic gold commemorative coins were produced in two versions, that is, the special shine and proof, each with a face value of RM1 and sold at RM8 each. Only 9,400 pieces of these coins were produced.

As for the commemorative stamps, two types were printed by Pos Malaysia, namely the 30 sen stamp of which 2,010,000 pieces were produced and the 50 sen stamp (1,010,000 pieces), while 80,000 pieces of the First Day covers were printed.

The Prime Minister was later given a briefing and taken on a tour to see the preparations being made for NAM at the PWTC from Feb 20 to 25.

He spent about 30 minutes inspecting the area around the hall and the media room.

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