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DR M HOLDS STATE BANQUET FOR MEGAWATI

KUCHING, Aug 28 (Bernama) -- Visiting Indonesian President Megawati Sukarnoputri and her delegation were tonight feted by Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at a state banquet at the State Assembly Complex in Petra Jaya here.

The dinner was held after the conclusion of bilateral talks on various issues between the Malaysian and Indonesian delegations.

Among the 450 guests were Megawati's husband, Taufiq Kiemas, Indonesian Minister of Coordination for Politics and Security Susilo Bambang Yudihoyono, Foreign Minister Hasan Wirayuda and Manpower Minister Jacob Nuwawea.

Also present were the Prime Minister's wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar, Defence Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, Science, Technology and Environment Minister Datuk Law Hieng Ding, Health Minister Datuk Chua Jui Meng, Entrepreneur Development Minister Datuk Seri Nazri Aziz, Land and Cooperative Development Minister Tan Sri Kasitah Gaddam and Transport Minister Datuk Chan Kong Choy.

Sarawak Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud, his wife Puan Sri Laila Taib and state cabinet ministers were also in attendance.

Megawati and her delegation are scheduled to return to Jakarta tomorrow morning. Dr Mahathir will return to Kuala Lumpur shortly after that.

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