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"SAYANG SALMAH" FOR WORLD FILM FESTIVAL

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 5 (Bernama) -- The film "Sayang Salmah" directed by Mahadi J.Murad is Malaysia's entry to the Kuala Lumpur World Film Festival to be held in conjunction with the 13th Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) summit here from Feb 20 to 25.

Norshah Thamby of the Film Festival Secretariat said "Sayang Salmah" was in line with the theme and concept of the festival compared to several other films which were nominated.

"Seven films were shortlisted by Finas (Film Development Corporation of Malaysia) and the National Film Producer (PFN) and it was agreed that Sayang Salmah was more in line with the festival theme particularly the issue of humanity in the film," she told Bernama.

Among the shortlisted films are "Azura", "Dayang Suhana", "Ringgit Kasorga", "Langit Petang" and "Esok Untuk Siapa".

Norshah said "Sayang Salmah" also featured love for the family and country as well as sacrifice.

"We cannot evaluate and accept the film based on its popularity but rather on the issue it highlights as the film represents the country. After careful consideration, "Sayang Salmah" was selected in view of its appropriateness with the festival theme -- peace, harmony, non-violence and oppression."

He said apart from that "Sayang Salmah" had also received international recognition and its lead actor Sidi Ozaa had won the best supporting actor's award at the 41st Asia-Pacific Film Festival in New Zealand in 1996.

Also starring in the film are Fauziah Nawi, Norish Karman and Azhar Sulaiman.

"Sayang Salmah" produced in 1994 has been the subject of studies and discussed at workshops locally and overseas and dubbed in English, French and Japanese.

Mahadi said the selection of "Sayang Salmah" was a singular honour to all those involved in its production.

The KL World Film Festival from Feb 16 to 18 will be launched by the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at Merdeka Square.

People wishing to know more about the film can log on to [www.klwff.com](http://www.klwff.com).

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