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SPECIAL POETRY RECITAL TO PAY TRIBUTE TO DR MAHATHIR

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 14 (Bernama) -- The Information Ministry tonight held a poetry recital at Angkasapuri here in conjunction with the 46th Merdeka Day celebration.

The event, which was telecast live, was to create awareness among Malaysians on the contribution of local poets and writers to the nation, said Deputy Information Minister Datuk Zainudin Maidin after attending the function.

"But most important of all, the event is to pay tribute to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Datin Seri Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali.

"It is also to inspire the nation about patriotism and remind them where they come from," he said.

Themed the "Deklamasi Angkasapuri", the evening included some 12 patriotic songs and poems, that were recited by famous local poets including Datuk A. Samad Said.

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