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TWO BOOKS ON DR M LAUNCHED AT OIC SUMMIT

PUTRAJAYA, Oct 15 (Bernama) -- Two books on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad were launched today in conjunction with the 10th Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC) Summit at the Putrajaya Convention Centre here.

The book entitled "Dr Mahathir Mohamad from an Arabic & Islamic Perspective" was written by Dr Abdulrahim Abdulwahid of the United Arab Emirates.

It was launched by Information Minister Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob.

Another book entitled "Mahathir The Secret of the Malaysian Success" was launched by the Bosnia-Herzegovina Ambassador to Malaysia, Hajrudin Somun, who also authored the book.

Speaking at the launch of the book written by Dr Abdulrahim, OIC Secretary-General Dr Abdelouahed Belkeziz said since Dr Mahathir took the reins of the country's leadership in 1981, he began to lay solid foundations for the progress of this country founded on education and economy.

He said Dr Mahathir led a genuine political, economic and scientific revolutions, transforming Malaysia from a backward agricultural country into a thriving and developed nation.

"He turned it into a model followed in the developed and Islamic world alike so much so it has come to be known as the 'Japan of the Islamic World' with a literacy rate of 93 per cent," he said in his speech read out by OIC Assistant Secretary-General Azzat Mufti.

He said the book, written in Arabic, would surely find a large echo with the Arab readers, ranging from politicians to opinion leaders in view of the unique and pioneering experience which were achieved in Malaysia and what the Arabs aspired to reach in terms of progress, dignity and security.

Dr Abdulrahim said the book was not a promotion campaign but was written after more than 10 times visiting Malaysia.

He said the book talked about Dr Mahathir's success in all issues and his boldness to support Islamic unity and Arab causes to face the new challenges in the regional and international arena.

Hajrudin said the book, originally written in Bosnian language, is a tribute to Dr Mahathir, Malaysia and its people, who had given great support to Bosnia-Herzegovina during the war.

"I came to Malaysia last year and after a few months, I fell in love with Malaysia and Dr Mahathir and decided to write a book on the great leader," he told reporters at the launch.

He said the way Dr Mahathir had developed Malaysia was a good example to be followed by his country and Malaysia had shown how Islam could be suited to the modern world.

Hajrudin also launched another book "Bosnia Today" which he wrote to tell Malaysians what Bosnia-Herzegovina is like today.

"By getting the true picture of his country, many more Malaysian companies will be keen to invest there," he added.

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