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PLANETARIUM DEMONSTRATES NEW LASER SHOW

KUALA LUMPUR, May 22 (Bernama) -- A group of schoolchildren visiting the National Planetarium today were surprised when they were joined by two VIP guests -- former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Science, Technology and Innovations Minister Datuk Dr Jamaludin Jarjis.

Mahathir and Jamaludin, who were earlier briefed by National Space Agency Director-General Prof Datuk Dr Mazlan Othman, joined the students for a special laser show created with new equipment installed at the end of last year.

They also viewed the regular public screening of a giant-screen documentary, "Solar Max".

To celebrate its 10th anniversary, the planetarium hosted a three-day Space Camp for 100 students this month in line with the National Space Agency's concept of "learning while being entertained".

The agency is also holding a national-level Rocket Launching Technology Contest for the first time.

It began in Putrajaya in March and after contests in the different states, will end at the Universiti Malaya campus in July.

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