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SAILBOAT GIFT FOR DR MAHATHIR

PUTRAJAYA, Jan 29 (Bernama) -- For his keen interest in sailing, former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad today received a gift of a British-made sailboat.

The simple ceremony was held at the Putrajaya Lake Club here.

However, the windless condition prevented a demonstration of the boat

-- the Topaz Uno Plus -- one of the variety of models distributed here by Dawn Aqua Sdn Bhd.

The model presented to Dr Mahathir, together with its accessories which

include the sails and launching trawley, costs around RM22,000.

On hand to deliver the boat was Dawn Aqua executive chairman Tan Sri

Abdul Wahab Nawi and executive director Ian Anderson.

Speaking to reporters earlier, Anderson said the Topper range of sailboats had been a hit in many parts of the world.

He was hopeful that the boats would be positively received by Malaysians and that one day boat racing involving the Topper sailboats

would be held in this country.

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