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Gallery-Mahathir

GALERIA PERDANA TO PUBLISH CATALOGUE ON MAHATHIR'S COLLECTION

LANGKAWI, March 18 (Bernama) -- Galeria Perdana, which displays the state gifts and awards received by former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his wife Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, will publish a catalogue on the collection.

Gallery manager Mahani Muhammad said today the catalogue, to be published this year, would document the entire collection numbering over 2,500 items.

The exhibits include fine crystal ware and gifts fashioned out of wood, leather, silver, copper, pewter, ceramics and glass.

There are also musical instruments, Islamic art and craft, textiles and weapons.

A part of the display is devoted to various prototype cars and 4-wheel-drive vehicles.

Mahani said more than 2,000 items in the collection were shown at the gallery at any one time and changes were made periodically.

About 300,000 visitors are expected to visit the gallery this year compared to 281,000 last year and 275,260 in 2003.

Mahani said Dr Mahathir's prize collection would be displayed in August during the Merdeka celebration month.

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