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Artistic tribute to Dr Mahathir

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FOR his love, passion, sacrifices, dedication and contribution to Malaysia for the past 22 years, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has become an icon that will be remembered for years to come.

In honour of the remarkable leader, Mines Resort City and Country Heights Group of Companies are organising an exhibition "The Glory of the Prime Minister's 22 Years of Excellence" at the Grand Salon of the Palace of the Golden Horses in Sri Kembangan, Selangor, which ends tomorrow.

The arts institute One Academy, which consist of multi-racial artists, is responsible for the 23 pieces of oil art pieces on show.

This five-day exhibition is an artistic journey through time, and the 23 pieces of illustrations depict Dr Mahathir's premiership and events throughout his tenure as Prime Minister.

This is seen through the artists' recollections of his public service days starting July 16, 1981, commemorating the achievements, milestones and developments of the Government and country under his leadership.

The One Academy asked 23 artists to each create a painting that reflected the major events of each year since 1981.

The artists are Lee Hoon Sun, Diong Swee Chee, Zainal Buang, Lee Swee Cheong, Wong Jing Cherng, Mohd Ali Jaafar, Mohd Jalaludin Ahmad Ramli, Ngu Siew Beng, Lum Choon Kiat, Liew Sio Yean, Soo Jun Ning, Seah Ze Lin, Foo Kee How, Foong Teck Hee, Ong Kian Hoe, Kok Liang Wei, Suhaidi Razi, Sin Way Chyuan, Chong Kwei Chung, Moo Wen Han, Goh Say Yung, Gan Chin Lee and Koh Cheng Kuan.

In gratitude, Country Heights Group of Companies granted almost RM100,000 to One Academy.

Officiating the exhibition at the hotel recently was Culture, Arts and Tourism Minister Datuk Paduka Abdul Kadir Sheikh Fadzir.

Others present were Deputy Culture, Arts and Tourism Minister Datuk Fu Ah Kiow and One Academy principal Tatsun Hoi.

Country Heights managing director Tan Sri Lee Kim Yew said the exhibition honoured a distinguished statesman and patriot.

After tomorrow, the artworks will make their way to the Mines Shopping Centre where they will be hung all around the complex until Sept 16. After that, they will be sent to the National Art Gallery.