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City Hall to honour Dr M at Merdeka Day do

PASIR PUTEH, Mon. - Kuala Lumpur City Hall is preparing for an extraordinary Merdeka Day celebration in conjunction with the retirement of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in October.

Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Tengku Azlan Sultan Abu Bakar said such a ceremony was suitable as Merdeka, celebrated on Aug 31, was almost similar to Dr Mahathir's retirement date.

"The Prime Minister, who has contributed so much to the country, should be accorded our gratitude," he said at a Mesra Warga Emas function here today.

In the function organised by the Bukit Abal Rukun Tetangga, Tengku Azlan handed gifts to 300 elderly and underprivileged people from the Selising constituency.

He said events being planned were a function commemorating Dr Mahathir's success in developing the country, poetry reading, singing, dancing and a 10-minute fireworks display before midnight.

He said everyone should participate and make it a bigger celebration as the Prime Minister's contributions could not be reimbursed financially.