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Documentary on life of PM to be aired over six weeks

PUTRAJAYA, Mon. - A six-series documentary titled "Mahathir - the Series", featuring the life of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will be aired over TV3 over the next six weeks.

The first of the series was aired yesterday at 9pm and the others will be aired every Sunday.

Sistem Television Malaysia Bhd chairman Datuk Seri Syed Anwar Jamalullail said the documentary features Dr Mahathir from the time he was born to his time as Prime Minister.

The programme was produced by Sa'adullah Che Noor, who was assisted by Mohd Azri Atan, Rishdy Mohd Rosli from the TV3 news and current affairs division. The director was Azman Yahya.

Datuk Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, the wife of Dr Mahathir and their children, daughters-in-law and grandchildren were the guests of honour at the official launch of the programme held at the Shangri-La Hotel here.

The sponsors for the documentary were Malaysia Airlines, Telekom Malaysia Bhd, UEM Group of Companies, MMC Group of Companies, Tenaga Nasional Bhd and Petronas.

Dr Siti Hasmah, when met after the launch said she was grateful to the people of Malaysia for having supported Dr Mahathir during his tenure as Prime Minister.

"I had sacrificed him for the nation for the last 22 years. Now the nation is returning him back to me. I have never stood in the way of any project that he had initiated. In fact, I had always supported him in whatever he did and whatever he thought was best for the nation." she said.

Dr Mahathir steps down as Prime Minister next month.