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Exclusive pocket watches honouring Dr M on sale

KOTA KINABALU, Fri. - Exclusive gold pocket watches commemorating the nation's fourth Prime Minister, Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, are available in Sabah at a price of RM78,000 each.

To date, 250 orders have been received from the peninsula since the pocket watch was first launched at the Palace of the Golden Horses in Selangor in September.

Suria IT Com Sdn Bhd general manager John Chow said only 9,999 pieces of the 22k solid 916 gold timepiece had been produced, making them a collector's item.

The 220gm watch exterior is engraved with the former Prime Minister's name and the words "22 years in service" and "Our Prime Minister - A great leader who opens the door".

It opens up to reveal an engraved portrait of Dr Mahathir and a Swiss kinetic gold dial.

The watch comes with a gold chain, a certificate of authenticity and a one-year warranty.

"We produced the watch to honour Dr Mahathir and thank him for his 22 years of leadership," Chow said at the soft launch of the watch at the Sutera Harbour Resort last night.

Suria IT Com will donate part of its profits, up to RM10 million, to the Welfare Association of Wives of Ministers, Deputy Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries (Bakti).

The ceremony also saw the appointment of Bingkor Assemblyman Datuk Dr Jeffrey Kitingan as the national chairman of the charity project. He will spearhead a nationwide fund-raising rally through the promotion and sale of the timepiece.

Kitingan said Malaysians stood a chance to win the watch as a competition will be held to find the best theme in describing Dr Mahathir's 22 years as Prime Minister.