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Exhibition charts Dr M's career in 1,000 photos

KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. - After 22 years of following Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's career as Prime Minister, the local media today pooled their resources to hold an exhibition to showcase some of the memorable images of him at the National Art Gallery.

The photo exhibition, themed "A Thousand Faces of Dr Mahathir," is a collection of 1,000 photographs of the Prime Minister taken by media photographers since 1981.

The photographs were taken from the databases of media organisations such as the New Straits Times Press, Bernama, Utusan Melayu, The Star, Sin Chew Daily, Nanyang Siang Pau, The Sun, China Press, TV3 and ntv7.

About 70 per cent of the photographs displayed have never been published.

The exhibition was opened by Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin.

Information Minister Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob, who mooted the idea of the exhibition, said more than three million pictures were taken of Dr Mahathir and 80,000 were shortlisted.

Khalil said the plethora of photographs snapped over the years showed how friendly and accessible Dr Mahathir was.

Also present at the launch were Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Fauziah, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, several ministers and ambassadors.

The exhibition ends on Dec 6.