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Largest letter of praise for Dr M

KUALA PILAH, Thurs. - As the days leading to Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's retirement draw closer, members of the public are coming up with unique ways to pay tribute to the Prime Minister and his accomplishments.

Students of Sekolah Menengah Tunku Kurshiah Kuala Pilah's Stamp and Philatelic Club have come up with a novel way to send all their personal wishes and messages via the "largest registered letter" ever made by any school in the State.

The "letter" actually consists of an envelope measuring 2.45 metres by 1.41 metres, which contains 615 personal letters written by students, teachers, staff and representatives of the Parent-Teacher Association.

Principal Maridah Mohd Yusof said the project was mooted by students of the club, who took about two weeks to think of what they had wanted to say to the Prime Minister.

Students from Forms One to Five penned their wishes and thanks to Dr Mahathir for his 22 years in office and many contributions to the nation.

She said that through the project, the students were able to fully appreciate Dr Mahathir's sacrifices and show their gratitude.

The project is also aimed at instilling in the students a sense of thankfulness for living in a free and independant country.

The letter will be sent by Pos Malaysia in a van to the Prime Minister's office in Putrajaya on Oct 22.

Some 45 students and teachers from the school will present the letters to a representative from the Prime Minister's office.

Maridah hoped that Dr Mahathir would be able to spend a few minutes to accept and read the letters.