

25/10/2003

Old folks visit photo exhibition of Dr M

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. - Nostalgia ruled the day for 35 residents of Rumah Seri Kenangan old folks home who visited the "A Thousand Faces of Dr Mahathir - A Tribute to a Statesman" photo exhibition at the National Art Gallery yesterday.

The trip to the gallery was made possible by Puteri Umno.

Che Embun Hashim, 76, said the exhibition gave her an opportunity to see various pictures of Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, his family members and the other political leaders.

"I am glad I visited the exhibition. Some of the pictures on display here are simply wonderful as they bring back memories of Dr Mahathir's early days as Prime Minister.

"These pictures are very valuable especially to the younger generation and they are indeed a tribute to Dr Mahathir," said Che Embun, who has been staying in Rumah Seri Kenangan in Cheras since 1999.

Muniama Muthusamy, 67, who has been staying in the home for the past year, said she was delighted to look at the pictures.

"Dr Mahathir looked very handsome during his younger days. I like to see the pictures of him and his family members. It is a good idea to organise such an exhibition as it provides an opportunity for people to view pictures which they have never seen before."

Pancha Charan Munusamy, 67, said he had always wanted to visit the exhibition and was glad that his wish came true.

"The pictures feature Dr Mahathir in different moods. It is a delight to watch and to share some of his special moments."

Puteri Umno head Datuk Azalina Othman Said said the visit was aimed at providing the home residents an opportunity to look at the different pictures of Dr Mahathir.

She said the movement was also planning to bring orphans to the exhibition.

The exhibition opens daily from 9am to 5pm. Admission is free.

It features 1,000 photographs of Dr Mahathir during his 22-year tenure as Prime Minister. Many of the pictures have not been published or exhibited.

It is jointly organised by the Malaysian media comprising newspapers, television stations, Information Department and Malaysian National News Agency (Bernama) in collaboration with the National Art Gallery. The exhibition will end on Dec 6.