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PM's postcards of Antarctica

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ON Sunday, Astro viewers can catch a rare glimpse of the side of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad that is seldom shown to the public, in a documentary on its Discovery Travel and Adventure channel.

The documentary, titled "Postcards from a Prime Minister", features the PM's voyage to Antarctica and his explorations of the continent.

It will be aired from 8pm to 8.30pm on Channel 11 and will be repeated from 8am to 8.30am the next day.

With a personal video camera in hand and accompanied by family and colleagues, Dr Mahathir personally narrates his exciting holiday to the ends of the earth - from the stormy seas to the outstanding Antarctic landscapes as well as the calm, restful days spent among penguins, icebergs and snow.

"This programme is what the Discovery Travel and Adventure channel is all about. It brings to life the experiences of this once-in-a-lifetime journey to Antarctica by a Malaysian team, joined by Dr Mahathir," said Discovery Networks Asia vice-president of programming James Gibbons at a special preview recently at Golden Screen Cinemas at Mid Valley Megamall, Kuala Lumpur.

Astro international programming manager Agnes Rozario said the programme narrated by the Prime Minister was a first for Malaysian TV and was an excellent example of the quality edutainment programming Astro offered to its subscribers.

"We are proud to present the documentary featuring the extraordinary journey of our Prime Minister to the ice-covered continent of Antarctica from Ushuaia, Argentina," she said.

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