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Third book on Dr Mahathir by Kedah-based author launched

PUTRAJAYA, Sun. - A book on the life of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, *Mahathir Menjulangi Martabat Malaysia* (Mahathir Has Raised Malaysia's Dignity), was launched tonight.

It is the third book on Dr Mahathir written by Dr Zahidi Zainol Rashid.

His earlier books on the Prime Minister are *Mahathir Di Mata Umum* (1999) and *Che Det Dan Pekan Rabu* (2000).

Zahidi, a civil servant with the Kedah State Library, traced Dr Mahathir's life from his childhood to his student days, his career as a doctor and subsequently as a politician and Prime Minister.

The book was launched by Dewan Rakyat Speaker Tun Dr Mohamed Zahir Ismail, who said Zahidi's Kedah roots enabled him to write accurately about Dr Mahathir's life in the State.

"This book is different from other biographies on Dr Mahathir. Zahidi writes convincingly because he knows the details of life in Kedah," he said.

Present were Dewan Negara president Tan Sri Dr Abdul Hamid Pawanteh and Agriculture Ministry Parliamentary Secretary Datuk Abu Bakar Taib, who is also director of Yayasan Amanah Saham Anak Langkawi Berhad.

The book, published by ALF Sdn Bhd, is priced at RM100 (hard cover) and RM50 (soft cover). Part of the proceeds will go to the Malaysian Association for the Blind.