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JOHOR BAHRU, FEB 6 (BERNAMA) -- PRESIDENT SUHARTO OF INDONESIA THIS MORNING CONFERRED THE +BINTANG MAHAPUTRA ADIPURNA+ ON PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD IN A BRIEF CEREMONY AT ISTANA POLO HERE.

THE AWARD, THE HIGHEST AFTER THE +BINTANG REPUBLIK INDONESIA+, IS GIVEN TO INDONESIAN NATIONALS AND FOREIGN LEADERS CONTRIBUTING OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE REPUBLIC.

PRESENT WERE IBU TIEN SUHARTO, THE WIFE OF THE PRIME MINISTER, DATUK SERI DATIN PADUKA DR SITI HASMAH MOHAMED ALI, FOREIGN MINISTER DATUK RAIS YATIM, INDONESIAN FOREIGN MINISTER PROF MOCHTAR KUSUMAATMADJA AND MINISTER-IN ATTENDANCE DATUK SERI MOHAMED NAJIB TUN RAZAK AND HIS WIFE.

PRESIDENT SUHARTO AND DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO EXCHANGED SOUVENIRS.

THE INDONESIAN LEADER LATER CALLED ON THE REGENT OF JOHOR BEFORE BIDDING FAREWELL TO THE YANG DI-PERTUAN AGONG AND RAJA PERMAISURI AGONG AT ISTANA BUKIT SERENE.

PRESIDENT SUHARTO, WHO ARRIVED HERE YESTERDAY FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, LEAVES FOR SINGAPORE THIS MORNING.

LAST NIGHT, THE YANG DI-PERTUAN AGONG AND RAJA PERMAISURI AGONG HOSTED A ROYAL BANQUET FOR THE INDONESIAN LEADER AT ISTANA BUKIT SERENE. -- BERNAMA

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