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"WINGS OF AN EAGLE" BOOK, A TRIBUTE TO DR MAHATHIR

LANGKAWI, Oct 5 (Bernama) -- Defence Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak today launched the book, "Wings of An Eagle", which pays tribute to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's contribution towards the development of the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace (LIMA) exhibition and the island in general.

"The Prime Minister is the man responsible for making LIMA a success as well as efforts to develop Langkawi into an international resort island," he said when launching the book, at the Mahsuri International Exhibition Centre (MIEC), here.

"No one can deny that he is the man behind LIMA and Langkawi's success," he said.

Also present at the launching of the book were Defence Ministry Secretary-General Datuk Subhan Jasmon, HW Lima Sdn Bhd executive chairman Tan Sri Abdul Wahab Nawi, and Le Proton Sdn Bhd executive chairman Datuk Radzi Manan.

The book, written by the former chairman of Malaysia's National News Agency (Bernama) and Group Editor-in-Chief of the New Straits Times Press Datuk A.Kadir Jasin, was published by Mutiara Grafik Sdn Bhd and is sold at RM150 each.

Najib said the Prime Minister's commitment to LIMA could be seen from the fact that every time the exhibition was being held, he would visit all the participants and receive courtesy calls from various parties.

He said when the proposal to stage LIMA was put up in 1991, there was a lot of doubt, including from the government and sponsors, about its success as the island lacked various facilities.

He said that as a result of Dr Mahathir's determination as well as that of the government under his leadership, LIMA not only succeeded but Langkawi island too developed at a pace beyond the expectation of everyone.

"No government in the world had spent so much money just to ensure the success of an exhibition," he said.

Najib hoped that the "Wings of An Eagle" would leave an impact on the reader and that he would soon present the book to the Prime Minister.

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