

Mahathir has Christmas date with Shah Rukh Khan
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NEW DELHI - When former premier Dr Mahathir Mohamad arrives in Mumbai on Christmas Eve, he will be a special guest of Bollywood heartthrob Shah Rukh Khan.

Dr Mahathir and his wife Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, both on a private visit to India, will be arriving in the Indian financial capital today, where the famous actor will play host to the elder statesman.

"When he heard I was coming to India, he said I must go to Bombay (Mumbai).

"Well, he is more a friend than fan. I have known him for quite some time.

His last movie I watched was 'My Name is Khan'," said Dr Mahathir.

Khan is expected to host a special high tea for the couple at his Mumbai residence on Christmas Day.

During his two-day visit to Mumbai, Dr Mahathir is slated to visit the Yash Raj Film Studio, India's premier film studio.

Dr Mahathir is the second luminary to meet Khan in less than a week, after

Russian President Dmitry Medvedev met the actor in Mumbai last Wednesday. Medvedev was on an official visit to India last week.

Malaysian Consul-General in Mumbai Wan Zaidi Wan Abdullah will also host a special dinner for the visiting dignitaries.

Dr Mahathir will conclude his Indian tour with a visit to Kerala after Mumbai.

On Thursday, he met Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh in Delhi. - Bernama

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