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Mahathir and Siti Hasmah with family members, Vincent Tan (right) and Robin Tan at the cake-cutting ceremony.

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Berjaya hosts birthday bash for Mahathir and Siti Hasmah

KUALA LUMPUR: The joint 88th birthday celebration of Malaysia's fourth prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his wife, Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamad Ali, was held in style at the Berjaya Times Square Hotel here on Saturday night.

The birthday bash's theme, "Double Infinity Knot", celebrated the two prominent figures' achievements and contributions to

the country. The event was hosted by Berjaya Corporation founder Tan Sri Vincent Tan Chee Yioun and chairman Datuk Robin Tan.

The function began with Vincent Tan paying tribute to Mahathir, saying the leader had brought prosperity to the country during his tenure while he continued to play a dominant role in the international community.

"You have left an indelible mark on us, to compete with the world out there, and leaving us with the legacy of 'Malaysia Boleh'," he added.

He ended his speech by wishing Mahathir and Siti Hasmah good health, longevity and prosperity.

At the occasion, the couple were presented with the Asia Pacific Quintessential Award for their achievements for the country.

Siti Hasmah was cited for elevating the status of women's rights in rural areas, and her contribution towards the nation's healthcare system.

Later, Mahathir presented the Sport Branding Man of the Year award to Vincent Tan for his contribution to the development of football particularly the iMalaysia Cardiff City.

Tan has personally forked out money to put the word Malaysia on

the jerseys of Cardiff City, which will be playing in the Barclay's premier league next season.

Guests at the birthday party were treated to a delightful array of dishes and music performances, including by 13-year-old songbird Lee Pei Ling of Penang and singer Shila Amzah.

Among the VIPs present was Kedah Mentri Besar Datuk Mukhriz Mahathir.