

A salute to the best in tourism
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KUALA LUMPUR: More than 700 guests turned up at the Kuala Lumpur Mayor's Tourism Award gala dinner at Shangri-La Hotel Kuala Lumpur, recently.

Former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his wife Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali were the guests-of-honour.

Also present were Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak, Federal Territories and Urban Wellbeing Minister Datuk Raja Nong Chik Raja Zainal Abidin, Tourism Minister Datuk Seri Ng Yen Yen, Deputy Minister of Federal Territories and Urban Wellbeing Datuk M. Saravanan and Kuala Lumpur Mayor Tan Sri Ahmad Fuad Ismail.

The ceremony was held in appreciation of those who had strived towards making Kuala Lumpur an international tourist destination.

More than 2,000 nominations were received but only 184 nominees were finalised.

The candidates were nominated for the following categories: Accommodations, Restaurants, Tourist Attractions, Nightspots, Shopping Malls, Foreign Airlines, International Tour Operators, Print Media (Magazines) and Front Liners.

Three class awards were also introduced -- Outstanding Achievement Awards, Excellence Awards and the Mayor's Recognition Awards.

The Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Dr Mahathir for his contribution to the growth and development of the city.

Guests were entertained by City Hall's orchestra featuring Norynn Aziz, Syafinaz, Jatt, Azhar, Fredo and renowned Las Vegas singer and Elvis impersonator, Johnny Elvis Thompson.

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