

**Mahathir, Hasmah Attend Farewell Dinner In New York**  
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NEW YORK, Oct 1 (Bernama) -- Former Malaysian prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his wife, Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamad Ali, attended a farewell dinner in honour of their visit to New York on Sunday night.

The dinner was hosted by Malaysia's permanent representative to the United Nations (UN) Datuk Hussein Haniff and his wife, Datin Sharifah Raguan Syed Ismail, and was held at their official residence in Manhattan.

Present were Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Anifah Aman and his wife, Datin Seri Rubiah Abdul Samad, Malaysia's deputy permanent representative to the UN Datuk Saiful Azam Abdullah and his wife, Datin Khadijah Mahmud, as well as heads of Malaysian departments and agencies in New York.

Dr Mahathir also presented his book 'A Doctor In The House: The Memoirs of Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad' to Anifah, Hussein and Saiful Azam.

Dr Mahathir is in New York since last Wednesday to receive the 2012 Rafik Hariri United Nations - Habitat Memorial Award.

The 87-year-old statesman was named winner of the award in recognition of his leadership, statesmanship and good governance.

The couple are expected to return to Kuala Lumpur on Monday.

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