

Muhyiddin's Visit To "Sarawak's 50 Glorious Years" Exhibition, A Pleasant Surprise For Many
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KUCHING, Aug 28 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin's visit to the ongoing "Sarawak's 50 Glorious Years" at the Sarawak Tourism Complex, here, today, has made a positive impact on many visitors as they were pleasantly surprised to see him in person at close range.

Muhyiddin, who was accompanied by Deputy Chief Minister Tan Sri Alfred Jabu and minister-in-charge of the exhibition organising committee Datuk Amar Awang Tengah Ali Hasan, took time to see and listen to briefings on the exhibits on display.

Jawawie Bongon, 72, a community chief from the Laru Scheme, Jalan Matang, here, said although he did not have the opportunity to shake hands with the deputy prime minister, he was nevertheless touched by Muhyiddin's interest in visiting the exhibition despite his short official visit, here.

Muhyiddin's itinerary also included attending the Aidilfitri gathering hosted by the state government at the Borneo Convention Centre Kuching (BCKK) tonight.

The exhibition starts out with the history of Sarawak's past under the Brunei Sultanate, Brooke regime, Japanese and British rule as well as independence through the formation of Malaysia.

It also covers Sarawak during the 1960s-1970s era, its First Wave of Development or First Wave of Prosperity, under the 'Politics of Development' advocated by Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud since he was sworn in as chief minister in 1981, the Second Wave of Development which started with the creation of the Sarawak Corridor of Renewable Energy (SCORE), and the state's most recent achievements in various fields.

Students Emira Bathersyia Barqis Makir and Hazeera Jaimin, both 14, from Sekolah Seni Kuching, were very excited to be able to catch a glimpse of Muhyiddin for the first time in their lives.

Emira shared her classmate's sentiment that it was great to have met the deputy prime minister as it was totally unexpected.

They found the exhibition to be very educational and informative as the exhibits and data displayed were very detailed and useful for their studies.

The exhibition, with its venue located strategically near the Kuching waterfront, which is a popular tourist spot and city icon, has been receiving overwhelming response from members of the public.

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