

Exhibition on Tun Razak's Visit to China

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KUALA LUMPUR, May 27 (Bernama) -- An exhibition opened today at the Bangsar Shopping Complex in the form of an 80-foot-long mural bearing 200 pictures of the historic visit of Malaysia's second prime minister Tun Abdul Razak Hussein to China in 1974.

The 'Everlasting Friendship - Malaysia and China' pictorial exhibition will be on for 13 days up to June 8.

It is organised by the Malaysia-China Friendship Association and Canvas Art Sdn Bhd in collaboration with the Tourism and Culture Ministry in conjunction with the 40th anniversary of Malaysia-China diplomatic relations.

Canvas Art managing director Robert Lim said the exhibition consisted of a mural of Tun Razak's six-day visit to China in 1974 when Kuala Lumpur and Beijing established diplomatic ties.

"The 200 pictures have been meticulously designed into a mural, 80 feet long, reflecting a daily pictorial record of Tun Razak's historic journey. Such integrated work has never been produced or displayed to the public before," he said at the exhibition.

The exhibition was opened by Tourism and Culture Ministry secretary-general Datuk Dr Ong Hong Peng who represented the minister, Datuk Seri Mohamed Nazri Abdul Aziz.

Also present were the director and first secretary of the Cultural Office at the Embassy of China, Gao Wei, and Malaysia-China Friendship Association president Datuk Abdul Majid Ahmad Khan.

At the event, retired police officer Datuk Mohd Nordin Idris said Tun Razak's visit paved the way for mutual benefit, particularly in the economic aspect.

Mohd Nordin was an escort officer to Tun Razak during the visit to China and had the chance to shake hands with Mao Zedong, the late chairman of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China.

"I was one of those officers who went with Tun Razak and I was one of those who went into the Chairman's residence with Tun Razak and shook hands with him (Mao Zedong).

"I am so proud. Not everybody got to see the Chairman at that time," he said, and expressed the hope that bilateral relations could be enhanced further for long-lasting economic and social benefits for both countries.

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