



Dr Mahathir receiving the coffee table book from Sharifah Mazlina (left). Also present was Hazimah (centre).

Dr M launches book by Sharifah Mazlina

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WHERE there is a will, there is a way - this is the message Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad has for those who want to make their dreams come true.

"There is no big secret to it. It's determination and the attitude to never give up," he said.

The former prime minister said anyone could make his dream come true if he gave his best effort, was persistent and persevered against obstacles in the way.

He was speaking at the launch of the book entitled *Into the Ice* by Datin Paduka Sharifah Mazlina Syed Abdul Kadir at Hotel Istana in Kuala Lumpur on Thursday. Priced at RM200, the coffee table book contains the narrative and breath-taking photographs of the author's solo journey through the Antarctic.

Dr Mahathir, who is also chairman of the Antarctica Expedition, launched the book. Also present were Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali and Peniagawati president Hazimah Zainuddin, who is also the project director for the expedition.

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The book launch was organised by Peniagawati, an association of bumiputera women in business and profession, of which Sharifah Mazlina is a committee member.

Dr Mahathir admitted he was sceptical at the beginning when Sharifah Mazlina voiced her intention of crossing the Antarctic alone.

"But then she changed my mind when she showed me that she had strong willpower and determination. She was also willing to be trained.

"And, sure enough, she succeeded in making her dream come true," he said.

Dr Mahathir also congratulated Peniagawati on its 25th anniversary and thanked the association for its efforts in helping women entrepreneurs in the country.

Sharifah Mazlina said her success was not only her own but because of the spirit of Malaysia Boleh!

She is the first Asian woman to cross the Antarctic solo.

Sharifah Mazlina also shared her experience and photos taken during her 22-day journey with guests at the event.