

LANGKAWI INTERNATIONAL MOUNTAIN BIKE CHALLENGE 2010

By Dr. Mahathir Mohamad on August 2, 2010 9:23 AM

1. Langkawi will see yet another international sports event from 6th to 8th August. This is not the Le Tour de Langkawi but this time the event, the Langkawi International Mountain Bike Challenge 2010, will be held entirely in Langkawi.
2. There will be participants from 16 countries including Malaysians. Others are from neighbouring Asian countries, Europe as well as from South Africa. It promises to be an exciting race and will be covered fully by the media.
3. I hope Malaysians will not miss this sporting event while enjoying the delights of Langkawi and tax-free shopping as well.
4. Come join the fun!

16 Comments

By The Hidden Secret Author Profile Page on August 10, 2010 12:36 AM

Salam Tun.

Tak ramai yang memberi komen tentang tulisan Tun ini. Saya andaikan yang rakyat Malaysia tidak meminati sukan basikal samada "mountain bike" ataupun sukan-sukan basikal yang lain.

Saya rasa ini antara sebab rakyat Malaysia tidak gemar berbasikal atau meminati sukan basikal :-

1. Harga basikal "high-end" serta "parts" dan "accessories" yang diimport terlalu mahal di Malaysia. Kalau tak percaya cuba survey dan bandingkan dengan harga di Bandung atau Jakarta yang jauh terlalu murah.
2. Kerajaan persekutuan, kerajaan-kerajaan negeri dan pihak berkuasa tempatan tidak pernah menggalakkan penggunaan basikal. Tidak ada infrastruktur (laluan basikal, "ramp" pada setiap simpang, parking, pokok2 besar untuk meneduhkan laluan basikal dll) untuk penunggang basikal kecuali di Putrajaya. Ini berbeza sekali jika dibandingkan dengan negara2 Eropah dan Australia dimana perancangan bandar mengambil kira keperluan penunggang basikal di dalam pembangunan bandar mereka. Saya tidak tahu apa yang menteri-menteri, pegawai-pegawai kerajaan kita lihat semasa lawatan luar negara mereka.

<http://www.tfl.gov.uk/roadusers/cycling/11598.aspx>

http://www.muenchen.de/verticals/Traffic_Transport/Biking/2_Bike_Lanes_Tours/229489/index.html

3. KTM Komuter serta RapidKL tidak membenarkan basikal dibawa di dalam tren. Ini berbeza sekali dengan amalan di Eropah dimana basikal dibenarkan dibawa masuk ke dalam tren kerana Eropah komited di dalam mengurangkan pelepasan CO2 dan CO oleh kenderaan bermotor. Saya juga tidak tahu apa yang menteri pengangkutan kita lihat semasa dia melawat ke luar negara.

<http://www.tfl.gov.uk/roadusers/cycling/11701.aspx>

Excerpt from MVV Munich website :

Easy orientation at stops or in vehicles via visual and audio means or displays; also, some audio warnings of closing doors, wide doors for easy access, EXTRA SPACES FOR wheelchairs, buggies and BICYCLES as well as a means for contacting the conductor at a height suitable for wheelchair users.

<http://www.mvv-muenchen.de/en/home/service/mvvbarrier-free/serviceoffers/index.html>

4. Kementerian Pelancongan Malaysia tidak pernah mempromosikan "bicycle tour" sedangkan di Eropah dan Amerika ada melambak-lambak "bicycle tour" kerana sambutan yang menggalakkan dari pelancong. Saya juga tidak tahu kenapa Menteri Pelancongan kita tak pernah mempromosikan "bicycle tour". Kalau cuaca yang menjadi alasan, saya ada dengar cerita yang Singapura sekarang telah mula merancang untuk menggalakkan rakyat mereka berbasikal.

http://www.germany-tourism.co.uk/EGB/outdoors_activities/activity_cycling_experience.htm

<http://www.londonbicycle.com/>

<http://www.bikeabouttours.com/>

<http://cyclinginsingapore.blogspot.com/>

Oleh yang demikian, saya cadangkan supaya kerajaan Malaysia, kerajaan2 negeri, pihak2 berkuasa tempatan, KTM dan RapidKL supaya menyokong dan menggalakkan penggunaan basikal dengan mengambil kira perkara2 di atas.

Sekian.

By zaki_77Author Profile Page on August 8, 2010 9:35 PM

kuthe2, I can't speak for Christianity, but in Islam we have both, proof and faith; one simply has to ask to learn more.

By longjaafarAuthor Profile Page on August 5, 2010 4:15 PM

After all these years, sadly, Langkawi is still not world class. From rude taxi drivers to dirty eateries, that also overcharge customers, we have wasted precious time by doing the wrong things based on someone's whims and fancies. Some of the projects, like the flying academy has come and gone, which begs a question: why was it there in the first place? I feel that in the initial period, it was "anything goes" without any master plan or vision as to how we would like the island to be. To Malaysians, there is nothing much to do there, except buy some crockeries and sarongs. The "duty free" prices are higher than those at normal outlets in the mainland and all this is because of non existent enforcement. Even the dirty toilets are left as they are because those in power, whether they are civil servants or politicians, find it demeaning to make surprise checks.

All in all, we have wasted maybe twenty years of lackadaisical attitude towards this beautiful island, which deserves much much better.

By SentraAuthor Profile Page on August 4, 2010 9:21 AM

SALAM, TUN

1. SAYA KESAL DENGAN TUN KERANA TIDAK MAHU BERTANGGUNGJAWAB TENTANG APA YANG BERLAKU DI PKFZ. SECARA JELAS IA BERLAKU ZAMAN PEMERINTAHAN TUN.

2. TAK BOLEH KATA, JANGAN BEBANKAN PM PADA KETIKA ITU.....INI ISU BESAR YANG PERLU PENJELASAN DARI SEMUA PIHAK YANG TERBABIT.

3. INILAH YANG DIKATAKAN, KALAU KITA MENGATA ORANG SEBELUM INI....SATU HARI TUHAN AKAN BALAS APA YANG KITA KATAKAN PADA ORANG LAIN SEBELUM INI.

4. KALAU KESILAPAN BERLAKU ATAU DILAKUKAN KEPADA ORANG LAIN, KITA BUAT KOMEN DAN MUNGKIN MENYALAHKAN KEPADA PM PADA KETIKA INI....SEHINGGAKAN ORANG ITU LETAK JAWATAN. TETAPI BAGI KES PKFZ LAIN PULAK BUNYINYA....TAK MAHU BERTANGGUNGJAWAB.

5. AKHIRNYA KITA AKAN TAHU SIAPA KITA YANG SEBENARNYA.....OLEH ITU JANGAN MUDAH MENYALAHKAN ORANG LAINKERANA KITA JUGA BUAT SALAH. DAN KALAU KITA BUAT SALAH KENA MENGAKUDAN JANGAN PUTAR ALAM.....ATAU BAGI ALASAN YANG BUKAN-BUKAN.

6. RAKYAT SEKARANG BOLEH MENILAI APA YANG KITA KATA, DAN MAKLUMAT SUDAH MUDAH DIDAPATI DALAM ZAMAN INI.

7. SEBAGAI PM , MESTI BERTANGGUNGJAWAB KEPADA SEMUA PERKARA YANG BERLAKU DI NEGARA INI. TAMBAHAN PULA IA MELIBAT WANG RAKYAT BERBILION RINGGIT.

SEKIAN.

By kuthe2Author Profile Page on August 4, 2010 1:02 AM

A VERY INTERESTING CONVERSATION

An Atheist Professor of Philosophy was speaking to his Class on the Problem Science has With GOD , the ALMIGHTY. He asked one of his New Christian Students to stand and . . .

Professor : You are a Christian, aren't you, son ?

Student : Yes, sir.

Professor : So, you Believe in GOD ?

Student : Absolutely, sir.

Professor : Is GOD Good ?

Student : Sure.

Professor : Is GOD ALL - POWERFUL ?

Student : Yes.

Professor : My Brother died of Cancer even though he Prayed to GOD to Heal him. Most of us would attempt to help others who are ill. But GOD didn't. How is this GOD good then? Hmm?

(Student was silent)

Professor : You can't answer, can you ? Let's start again, Young Fella.

Is GOD Good?

Student : Yes.

Professor : Is Satan good ?

Student : No.

Professor : Where does Satan come from ?

Student : From . . . GOD . . .

Professor : That's right. Tell me son, is there evil in this World?

Student : Yes.

Professor : Evil is everywhere, isn't it ? And GOD did make everything. Correct?

Student : Yes.

Professor : So who created evil ?

(Student did not answer)

Professor : Is there Sickness? Immorality? Hatred? Ugliness? All these terrible things exist in the World, don't they?

Student : Yes, sir.

Professor : So, who Created them ?

(Student had no answer)

Professor : Science says you have 5 Senses you use to Identify and Observe the World around you. Tell me, son . . . Have you ever Seen GOD?

Student : No, sir.

Professor : Tell us if you have ever Heard your GOD?

Student : No, sir.

Professor : Have you ever Felt your GOD, Tasted your GOD, Smelt your GOD ? Have you ever had any Sensory Perception of GOD for that matter?

Student : No, sir. I'm afraid I haven't.

Professor : Yet you still Believe in HIM?

Student : Yes.

Professor : According to Empirical, Testable, Demonstrable Protocol, Science says your GOD doesn't exist. What do you say to that, son?

Student : Nothing. I only have my Faith.

Professor : Yes, Faith. And that is the Problem Science has.

Student : Professor, is there such a thing as Heat?

Professor : Yes.

Student : And is there such a thing as Cold?

Professor : Yes.

Student : No, sir. There isn't..

(The Lecture Theatre became very quiet with this turn of events)

Student : Sir, you can have Lots of Heat, even More Heat, Superheat, Mega Heat, White Heat, a Little Heat or No Heat.

But we don't have anything called Cold.

We can hit 458 Degrees below Zero which is No Heat, but we can't go any further after that.

There is no such thing as Cold.

Cold is only a Word we use to describe the Absence of Heat.

We cannot Measure Cold.

Heat is Energy.

Cold is Not the Opposite of Heat, sir, just the Absence of it.

(There was Pin-Drop Silence in the Lecture Theatre)

Student : What about Darkness, Professor? Is there such a thing as Darkness?

Professor : Yes. What is Night if there isn't Darkness?

Student : You're wrong again, sir. Darkness is the Absence of Something

You can have Low Light, Normal Light, Bright Light, Flashing Light . .

. But if you have No Light constantly, you have nothing and

its called Darkness, isn't it? In reality, Darkness isn't. If it

is, were you would be able to make Darkness Darker, wouldn't you?

Professor : So what is the point you are making, Young Man ?

Student : Sir, my point is your Philosophical Premise is flawed.

Professor : Flawed ? Can you explain how?

Student : Sir, you are working on the Premise of Duality. You argue there is Life and then there is Death, a Good GOD and a Bad GOD. You are viewing the Concept of GOD as something finite, something we can measure. Sir, Science can't even explain a Thought. It uses Electricity and Magnetism, but has never seen, much less fully understood either one. To view Death as the Opposite of Life is to be ignorant of the fact that Death cannot exist as a Substantive Thing. Death is Not the Opposite of Life: just the Absence of it. Now tell me, Professor, do you teach your Students that they evolved from a Monkey?

Professor : If you are referring to the Natural Evolutionary Process, yes, of course, I do.

Student : Have you ever observed Evolution with your own eyes, sir?

(The Professor shook his head with a Smile, beginning to realize where the Argument was going)

Student : Since no one has ever observed the Process of Evolution at work and Cannot even prove that this Process is an On-Going Endeavor, Are you not teaching your Opinion, sir? Are you not a Scientist but a Preacher? (The Class was in Uproar)

Student : Is there anyone in the Class who has ever seen the Professor's Brain?

(The Class broke out into Laughter)

Student : Is there anyone here who has ever heard the Professor's Brain, Felt it, touched or Smelt it? . . . No one appears to have done so. So, according to the Established Rules of Empirical, Stable, Demonstrable Protocol, Science says that You have No Brain, sir. With all due respect, sir, how do we then Trust your Lectures, sir?

(The Room was Silent. The Professor stared at the Student, his face unfathomable)

Professor : I guess you'll have to take them on Faith, son.

Student : That is it sir . . . Exactly !
The Link between Man & GOD is FAITH.
That is all that Keeps Things Alive and Moving.

NB:

I believe you have enjoyed the Conversation . . . and if so . . . You'll probably want your Friends / Colleagues to enjoy the same . . . won't you?

Forward them to Increase their Knowledge . . . or FAITH.
That student was Albert Einstein.

By bayuAuthor Profile Page on August 3, 2010 5:04 PM

DULU LANGKAWI NAK BUAT APA.LADA TOLONG LAKSANA.LA BILA SURUH DEPA LAKSANA TERJADILAH JAMBATAN TERPANJANG "MASA" UNTUK DIBINA.JAMBATAN 35METER MENGAMBIL MASA 5TAHUN TU PUN TAK SIAP.PULAK HIGHWAY 3KILOMETER AMBIK MASA 3TAHUN TU PUN

TAK SIAP JUGAK.DAH TU DEPA POTONG ABIS POKOK2 JATI DENGAN POKOK MOHAGANY...ADA GENERAL MANAGER LADA KERJA DIA KANSEL SEMUA PROJEK.ORANG LAIN NAK BANGUNKAN LANGKAWI DIA M.O.F BAYAK GAJI KANSEL PROJEK.SELAGI ADA GENERAL MANAGER LADA NI TERLINGKUP LANGKAWI.BILA TUN MAI LNGKAWI DIA LARI.

By samuraimelayuAuthor Profile Page on August 3, 2010 2:24 PM

SALAM KASIH DAN SAYANG
AYAHANDA RAKYAT TUN
Izinkan,

By pakbelalang on August 2, 2010 11:23 AM

Sdr.pakbelalang,

We are all for your suggestions especially the Golf course..mana lah tahu dapat bermain satu 'flight' dengan Tiger Woods dalam Pro-Am Tournament...in dreamland, eh? But we are afraid that your ideas too may just remain in dreamland as the current administrators appear more interested to build their own 'fantasy' Island...

Take good care.

ALFATIAH, AMIN.

Ps. One of our sons travelled to Langkawi last nite to promote a hotel for the forthcoming sporting event.

By kzgeoparkAuthor Profile Page on August 3, 2010 12:13 PM

Beloved Tun,

I believe Langkawi has it all in terms of facilities, including for sports, which is one of the many reasons why it earned the GEOPARK status from UNESCO in June 2007. But the world-class LISRAM is underutilised and should be opened to public via a shooting club/association. A world-class golf course called '99East' is in the making at Bukit Malut, (should have been completed). As this is a state-initiated privatised project maybe Tun can get a briefing update from the DO.

All in all, I still believe that Langkawi should be promoted as a nature-based tourist destination along the lines of the international branding it earned through the UNESCO-proclaimed LANGKAWI GEOPARK that encompasses all 99 (104) islands of Langkawi exhibiting excellence in geo-diversity, bio-diversity and cultural heritage (community participation). As opposed to stringent development rulings under UNESCO world heritage, geoparks under the Global Geoparks Network actually encourages development that benefits the socioeconomy, thereby encouraging internal self-discipline towards sustainability, rather than externally imposed.

Thank you.

By Harimau1900Author Profile Page on August 3, 2010 11:05 AM

Dear Pak Belalang,

Your ideas are excellent but Langkawi should remain as it is....This is where the beauty of Langkawi lies. Langkawi is like 8th wonders of the world right now and once this developed to be more commercialised it loses its beauty. Furthermore if we encourage development here than automatically corruption exist as you see what is happening to PKFZ, Maika and many more which causes the tax payers money worth 100 billions of ringgit...We are not sure if our current government can get hold of all the culprits who swindles all the rakyat's money and get the money back. Until we see someone charged and convicted than only the rakyat's confidence over this government will be come back. Till then we should leave it as it is and let the mother nature be there for all of us to enjoy the natural beauty of Langkawi.

Thank you.

By HBTAuthor Profile Page on August 3, 2010 9:51 AM

Ayahanda Tun,

DAP Lim Guan Eng knows very well now how Malaysia Politics and Economics work as CM!

Reported by Malaysian Insider....

1. Penang open tender spree shows up Putrajaya

By Lee Wei Lian August 03, 2010 KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 3 — The Penang government's open tender spree in the past few months could put the federal government in a bad light as both strive to show the public that they stand for transparency and excellence.

2. While both have initiated efforts to make procurement more transparent to the public, the Pakatan Rakyat (PR) Penang government seems to have taken the lead with a stream of open tender announcements for its big ticket items while the Barisan Nasional (BN) federal government has appeared very slow off the mark.

3. Among landmark projects that were tendered out by the Penang state government include the multi-billion 100 acre Bayan Mutiara township project, the restoration of Fort Cornwallis, restoration of Crag Hotel, management of the Penang International Sports Arena and the Penang Hill facelift. Upcoming tenders include that for the Pulau Jerejak tourist development project.

4. In the case of the Bayan Mutiara project, the Penang government seems to have taken a leaf out of the Singapore playbook and has opened the tender to international bidders in an attempt to build an "iconic, prestigious and sustainable" development.

5. Singapore's newest landmarks — the two world class integrated resorts (IR) at Sentosa Island and Marina Bay were built by international investors. A subsidiary of Malaysia's own Genting Berhad had built the IR at Sentosa Island.

6. The federal government on the other hand has been slow to open up major projects to open tenders. The highly valuable 65 acre piece of government land in the prestigious Jalan Duta area was privatised last November to the Naza group without an open tender.

7. Other major parcels of land where open tenders have yet to be called for redevelopment include the 3,300 acre Malaysia Rubber Board land in Sungai Buloh and the redevelopment of the 400 acre Sungai Besi Airport and the development of the 85 acre KL Financial District. Other valuable tracts of land where no open tenders have been called include 204 acres of government land in Jalan Cochrane and land at Jalan Peel and Jalan Lidcol.

8. The open tender debate in Malaysia is a politically charged one as it is widely acknowledged that many if not most government contracts and licenses go to companies controlled by persons close to the political leadership. As companies are not selected based on merit, completed projects and public services are often of poor quality despite high costs and subject to much public complaint.

9. Both governments also maintain public procurement portals but Penang had launched its portal first. The federal government portal — MyProcurement — also suffered the embarrassment of having glaring data entry errors discovered just a few days after being launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak.

10. While Najib has taken steps to tidy up procurement and the New Economic Model (NEM) framework mooted by his administration has also stressed the need for open tenders, the slow pace at which such reforms are taking place under his administration are leaving many wondering if anything has really changed.

11. The danger for the prime minister than is that the island state will prove to be much more serious in terms of public accountability and performance and his government will suffer in comparison.

12. While some expressed fears that the Penang open tender system would penalise Bumiputeras, Penang chief minister Lim Guan Eng quashed such claims and revealed in January that 70 per cent of tenders from two state owned firms were won by Bumiputera contractors.

13. He said that Malay contractors had won 16 out of 23 tender awards, or 70 per cent, from the Penang Development Corporation(PDC) and 44 out of 66 or 67 per cent of contracts issued by the Perbadanan Bekalan Air Pulau Pinang(PBAPP) in open tenders since March 2008.

14. Najib has had to contend with continued demand for quotas set aside for Malay contractors after he said the NEM will free the economy and make it more competitive.

15. Malay rights group point out that the BN government has yet to meet the 30 per cent target for Malay equity with just nearly 20 per cent since the New Economic Policy (NEP) came to effect in 1970.

16. But detractors say the amount does not include equity by government units and companies investing on behalf of the Malays and Bumiputeras such as PNB and others.

Comment:

The more the merrier, if you can't beat them, join them.....high level income economy must be increased simultaneously and will be maintained moderately in long term to sustain the High Level Income Economy base on Supply and Demand as to prevent Siapa Makan Cili, Siapa Rasa Pedas.....only ended as irrelevant investment. BN should not be afraid, and if there is a will (supply), there will be a need (demand). First Come First Serve....

Good day Ayahanda Tun.

By mgpunyaAuthor Profile Page on August 3, 2010 9:00 AM

YABhg Tun,

...at the end of the day, one need to choose the type of tourist you want visiting the island. And, of course with money to spend.....

By Abdulwahab A. Al AwadhiAuthor Profile Page on August 3, 2010 4:01 AM

Dear Sir,

I have been in langkawi with my family before three years ago. It is nice place and we like it. Any activity will be good for that beautiful island but the government should keep langkawi with Malaysian-Islamic traditional style.

By hakimjbAuthor Profile Page on August 3, 2010 12:09 AM

Dear Tun,

I have a suggestion. Like the Queen of England, why don't you register an official 'Flickr' account, where you can upload all your official and unofficial photos online. I'm sure there are many people who are interested to see your photos, and learn a bit more about your story - especially behind your 22 years tenure as our PM - from those photos.

Have a nice day Tun.

By parameswara 2Author Profile Page on August 2, 2010 11:59 PM

Dearest tun

1) Malaysia has now emerged as Asia's second most visited country and the world's no 9 ,all thanks to you for correctly identifying this sector in the 80's.From what I hear with Idris Jala at the helm of PEMANDU serious efforts are now being undertaken to achieve the overall performance for Najib's

Govt. A target of 36 million tourist arrivals by 2020 have been targeted .

2) But we need the kind of attention afforded Langkawi in order to achieve that target successfully. LADA is doing a great job monitoring customer services/facilities in Langkawi because they have TUN breathing down their neck. We do not have anyone like you now to monitor the customer service at the Federal Level.

3) Our customer services is generally not good. The hotel frontliners -the bellboys and front office will only be extra friendly when they have a customer service campaign, so artificial. Otherwise they are snobs who are only very friendly when they know they will get good tippings. We are nowhere compared to Thailand.

4) Have you taken a taxi lately? This is another group of interesting people who have been doing us a lot of disservice. They are all ready to fleece the tourist especially the Arabs who don't speak English. I think its about time taxi permits are only to be given to individuals so that Govt can control them directly.

5) The crimes involving the tourists are all so rampant. Snatch thieving, robbery, conned by police impersonators, fleeced by taxi drivers, etc, etc are growing by the day. In KL today there are also gangsters amongst the local Palestinians community who are creating problem amongst the tourist as well as the local Arab community.

6) I know its Ng Yen Yen's problem but surely you being at the age of a master could contribute. After all the more tourists coming to KL can be tapped for your Langkawi anyway. Just treat the whole of Malaysia as just a huge Langkawi, how about that? Although it's unlikely for me to visit Langkawi anytime soon I do hope and pray this mountain bike challenge will be a great success.

Thanks Tun.

By HBT Author Profile Page on August 2, 2010 9:52 PM

Ayahanda Tun,

Why Malaysian Insider does not like TS Myuhiddin's Malay 1st when they reported this similar piece of news without BERNAMA?

The Star Online reported.....

1. Published: Monday August 2, 2010 MYT 5:24:00 PM
Dr Mahathir: Explain 1Malaysia holistically

2. Former PM also calls for rape law to be amended

3. GEORGE TOWN: The 1Malaysia slogan must be explained in detail to the people of various races living in the country, to provide a holistic understanding of the concept, said former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

4. "When I speak to the Chinese and Malays, they have differing views and cannot be united. I feel an in-depth explanation is needed," he told reporters here Monday when asked by delegates of the Malaysian Muslims Welfare Organisation (Perkim) about the people's confusion over the 1Malaysia slogan.

5. "They (people) do not know which one is for the Chinese or which one is for the Malays. If (they) ask me to explain, how can I explain? It was not me who introduced the slogan," he said.

6. Meanwhile, Dr Mahathir said the Government should consider the proposal to amend the law for rape because the existing law may be outdated.

7. "Times have changed. Pornography and pornographic pictures are easily available so when some see

such movies or pictures, they lose their sense of direction and cannot decide what is right or wrong," he said.

8. Bukit Gelugor MP Karpal Singh has called for the death penalty to be introduced for the rape of children and urged for Section 376 of the Penal Code (rape) to be amended to provide for the death penalty in such cases.

9. Under Section 376 (2) (e) of the current Penal Code, the punishment for raping children below the age of 12 is jail of not more than 30 years and caning. - Bernama

Comment:

Dr M was right, and we don't expect much FDI will be coming into the country.

From The Sun, Mr Barrack Obama said that he wasn't actually invited for Chelsea Clinton's Wedding, and that in any case two presidents would be one too many at a wedding, the self-claimed American's Royal Wedding for the 1st time ke?

It looks like 1 Malaysia will be another Maverick Malaysia if PM Najib does not explain how 1 Malaysia works holistically.

People are smart, politicians are democratic and liberally blind and they tend to make same mistakes without learning.....contohnya gunse007, Bond, Bean Bond in LA, KL....P. Diddy died of drug overdose?
By pakbelalangAuthor Profile Page on August 2, 2010 11:23 AM

Dear Tun,

Langkawi should have world class golf course in order to attract world class international golf competition. The exposure will be great to attract more tourists to visit Langkawi.

Langkawi should also have a F1 racing track to include in the F1 racing calender.

Langkawi has a vast potential to be converted as an international island resort which could contribute to higher income for the local people. There are many things that can be developed in Langkawi to promote tourism but all must be developed according international standard. Not the HP6 type of infrastructure development. We must be creative and innovative in whatever development in Langkawi.

In my ealier comment I also did mention about Langkawi to be the centre of higher learning by inviting a well known university like Cambridge, Oxford or Havard to set up branch campus to cater for foreign students. The environment in Langkawi is suitable for students to study at a cheaper costs.

All this will definitely contribute economic spin off that will give oportunity to raise higher income and standard of living for the people of Langkawi.

Nothing is impossible to create Langkawi as the Monaco of the East or Oxford of the East.

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