

PENANG BRIDGE GETS CABINET NOD.

KUALA LUMPUR, JULY 22 (BERNAMA ES) ⁸⁾ (P) --- THE 8.3 KM BRIDGE LINKING PENANG TO THE MAINLAND WILL BE THE CONCRETE GIRDER TYPE, PRIME MINISTER (DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD) DISCLOSED TODAY.

HE SAID THE DECISION WAS MADE BY THE NEW CABINET WHICH HELD ITS FIRST MEETING THIS MORNING.

THE CABINET ALSO APPROVED THE CONTRACTOR FOR THE JOB. HOWEVER, HE DECLINED TO DISCLOSE DETAILS.

A TOTAL OF 16 FIRMS HAD SUBMITTED TENDERS TO BUILD THE BRIDGE SINCE FEB. 22.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID WORK ON THE BRIDGE WOULD BEGIN AS SOON AS THE CONTRACT WAS AWARDED.

THE PROJECT WAS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN THE NEXT THREE OR FOUR YEARS.

MEANWHILE, WORKS AND UTILITIES MINISTER DATUK S. SAMY VELLU SAID 80 PER CENT OF THE RECLAMATION WORK ON THE ISLAND AND 40 PER CENT ON THE MAINLAND HAD BEEN COMPLETED.

ACCORDING TO HIM THE WHOLE PROJECT WOULD BE COMPLETED BY 1985.

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