

# PM and wife turn VIP shoppers at arcade

**KUALA LUMPUR, Sun.** — It was a convenient time to shop for Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad yesterday when his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah opened an exclusive shopping arcade at the Kuala Lumpur Hilton.

The arcade houses 11 shops that sell leather goods, jewellery and fashionable clothes of such impressive brands as Gucci of Italy, Louis Vuitton, Lanvin and Cartier of Paris and Chopard Geneva.

The arcade is part of a \$33 million refurbishing programme for the hotel.

Batik Permal and Selangor Pewter are two local names taking up the spacious and exclusively designed shops at the arcade on the lobby floor.

After Dr Siti Hasmah cut the ribbon, the Prime Minister and his wife spent some 30 minutes browsing around the shops. He bought several items at one of the men's wear boutiques.

## Fashion

They were accompanied by the chairman of Pemas International Hotels and Properties Berhad, Tunku Datuk Shahrizan, and his wife Datin Siti Hamidah.

Dr Mahathir and Dr Siti Hasmah were later entertained to a fashion show presented by five boutiques.

During the opening ceremony, Tunku Datuk Shahrizan said the hotel management felt Kuala Lumpur was lacking in outlets to cater fashion-conscious visitors and guests.

He said the refurbishing programme, involving extensive renovations to all guestrooms, public areas and function rooms and the introduction of a new international direct dial telephone system and computer facilities, was carried out over 18 months.