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KUALA LUMPUR, JUNE 12 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TONIGHT KUALA LUMPUR NOW OFFERED GOODS AT LOWER PRICES THAN SEVERAL OTHER NEIGHBOURING CITIES.

HE HOPED THIS WOULD ATTRACT MORE PEOPLE FROM SINGAPORE TO COME OVER TO KUALA LUMPUR TO MAKE THEIR PURCHASES.

OPENING +THE MALL+ SHOPPING CENTRE HERE, HE SAID THE SITUATION HAD NOW CHANGED WITH NOT MANY MALAYSIANS GOING OVER TO SINGAPORE FOR SHOPPING.

HE HOPED THE LOWER PRICES HERE WOULD REVERSE THE TREND OF SHOPPERS GOING FROM MALAYSIA TO SINGAPORE.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID MALAYSIA HAD MANY NICE AND MODERN SHOPPING CENTRES ON PAR WITH THOSE IN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. -- MORE
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THE PRIME MINISTER URGED THE OWNERS AND SHOPPERS TO ENSURE THE CLEANLINESS AND BEAUTY OF THE SHOPPING CENTRES TO ENHANCE THEIR ATTRACTIVENESS TO VISITORS.

HE SAID SHOPPING CENTRES WOULD NOT ONLY ATTRACT TOURISTS BUT WOULD ALSO BENEFIT OTHER NEARBY TRADERS.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID MAJOR SHOPPING CENTRES WERE BEING BUILT TO ENHANCE KUALA LUMPUR'S STATUS AS MALAYSIA'S CAPITAL CITY.

HE SAID THE TWO MILLION RESIDENTS IN THE KLANG VALLEY INCLUDING THE ONE MILLION IN THE CITY HAD SOUGHT FOR AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF SHOPPING CENTRES.

EARLIER THE RAJA MUDA OF SELANGOR DARUL EHSAN WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF METROPLEX HOLDING SDN BHD, OWNERS OF THE MALL, SAID THE TOURIST DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF MALAYSIA (TDC) HAD RECOGNISED THE MALL AS ONE OF THE TOURIST ATTRACTIONS. -- MORE
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THE RAJA MUDA SAID THE MALL HOPED TO HELP MALAYSIA DEVELOP THE TOURIST INDUSTRY TO BENEFIT THE NATION IN TERMS OF EARNING FOREIGN EXCHANGE.

HE SAID THE COMPANY SPENT \$189 MILLION TO BUILD THE MALL WHICH ALSO HOUSED THE +MEDAN HANG TUAH+ -- A COLLECTION OF HAWKER STALLS BUILT TO REFLECT MALAYSIAN HISTORY AND CULTURE.

THE GUESTS AT THE OPENING INCLUDED THE PRIME MINISTER'S WIFE DATUK SERI DATIN PADUKA DR SITI HASMAH, CABINET MINISTERS AND DEPUTY MINISTERS.

VARIOUS ACTIVITIES INCLUDING CULTURAL DANCES OF THE MANY COMMUNITIES IN THE COUNTRY WERE HELD TO MARK THE OPENING. -- BERNAMA
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