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MAHATHIR: VISIT LANGKAWI FOR AEROSPACE EXHIBITION

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LANGKAWI, Sept 10 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today invited countries and individuals interested in buying the latest planes to visit the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition (LIMA '91) in November.

Individuals wishing to purchase private jets should also visit the exhibition, he said.

So far, 100 companies from 20 countries had confirmed their participation in the exhibition to be held in the second week of November, he added.

The latest luxury boats would also be on display at the maritime exhibition at Kuah Jetty while aircraft would be on show at the Langkawi International Airport at Padang Mat Sirat here.

During his one-day visit here, the Prime Minister inspected accommodation facilities for the visitors.

Speaking to reporters, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said the shortage of accommodation on the island was being resolved through several measures, including the building of two hotels. -- more

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Work on the five-star 300-room Sheraton Hotel in Telok Nibung and the Resort Hotel in Pantai Kuala Muda, also with 300 rooms, was nearing completion, he added.

The \$30 million Sheraton Hotel and the \$16 million Resort Hotel, on which work started only two months ago, were scheduled for completion by the end of October.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir, who also visited the hotel sites, expressed satisfaction with the progress of work.

He was confident that they would be completed within the four months stipulated by the government.

The Prime Minister said a shortage of rooms was anticipated as most of the 2,000 available rooms on the island had been booked by tourists and there was a need for about 3,000 additional rooms for the exhibition participants.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said the organisers of the exhibition would hire a cruise ship to overcome the shortage of rooms.

The Prime Minister was accompanied on the visit by Agriculture Minister Datuk Seri Sanusi Junid. -- Bernama

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