

Dr M hopes more will be spurred to invest in Malaysia

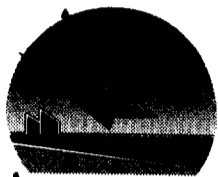
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LANGKAWI, Mon. — Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad hopes that this year's Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace (Lima '93) exhibition will encourage more countries and companies to invest in Malaysia's aerospace and maritime industries.

The Prime Minister said the Government would continue to support the development of these two important industries by providing adequate infrastructural facilities to ensure their success.

He said one of the successes of Lima '91 was the establishment of a flying school now operating on the island.

The Government, he said, had also allocated land in the vicinity of the Langkawi



LIMA '93
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International Airport for the development of aerospace-related industries.

Dr Mahathir said this in his message in the Lima '93 show directory.

He said the world had witnessed rapid technological advancement in the aerospace and maritime industries in the last decade.

"No doubt progress in

these industries will continue to be made and new products manufactured and marketed.

"We hope all these products will continue to be utilised positively for the benefit of mankind," he added.

Dr Mahathir said Lima could, in its own way, become a significant international meeting place for those involved in the maritime and aerospace industries.

The exhibition provided an excellent marketing opportunity for aerospace and maritime companies displaying their products in this part of the world.

"The large number of important personalities and distinguished visitors attending Lima this year at-

tests to the growing importance of Lima in the international calendar," the Prime Minister said.

Defence Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, in his message, said Malaysia was anxious to develop her own defence industries and one of the major projects that had been identified and approved was the construction of new patrol vessels by a local shipbuilding yard.

"There are opportunities for international shipbuilders to assist in the construction of these vessels.

"On the aerospace side, a number of projects have also been identified, including the in-country production of light trainer aircraft for domestic and export markets," he said.