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A LARGER PLACE FOR LIMA '95

LANGKAWI, Dec 10 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition 1995 (Lima '95) may need a larger exhibition area and both exhibitions may be held in one place.

The prime minister said Lima '95 would definitely be held as the exhibition had generated interest among many people in the aviation industry to participate and show their products.

"Lima has provided them with more time and more freedom to exhibit their products," he told a press conference, here.

As such, a larger exhibition area might be needed because Lima '93 had been a great success in terms of companies and countries participating and as a result, the space provided at the Jarge Mahsuri International Exhibition Centre (MIEC) was still insufficient, he said.

"Although we have built the exhibition centre larger than planned, it is still inadequate...we need a larger exhibition area," he said. -- more

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He said other arrangements for Lima '95 would be made after the Lima '93 post-mortem was done.

For Lima '95, the maritime exhibition currently held at Kuah Jetty might be shifted to a place near the airport, the site for the aerospace exhibition, because the two places were too far apart, causing disadvantage to the visitors, he said.

He said the harbour might be dredged deeper so that bigger ships could come and participate in Lima '95.

"Many countries were interested to come and show their ships, but when they learnt that the ships have to be anchored three or four miles away at sea, they lost interest," he added. -- more

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Dr Mahathir said preparations and assessment of the capacity for Lima '95 would be done early.

He said the apron, where the aircraft were parked for the static displays, and the MIEC hall might also be expanded as the facilities were still inadequate.

The prime minister said the MIEC hall would not only be used as the venue for the biennial Lima but also for other expositions and exhibitions such on airport equipment.

He said Langkawi was a suitable place for holding such exhibitions as it was a free port, making it easier for participants to bring in and bring out their things without having to face a lot of Customs procedures.

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He said other exhibitions would be held in Langkawi so that people would keep visiting the island throughout the year.

On plans to develop Langkawi as a centre for the aerospace industry, Dr Mahathir said it would be for selected, clean and high-tech industries which do not use too many workers.

He said, however, that the government would not force companies to set up their industries in one specified place, "because we want them to start their industries where it is suitable for them."

Dr Mahathir said the government had identified three places as suitable for the aerospace industry, namely Melaka, Langkawi and near the present Kuala Lumpur International Airport in Subang.

Commenting on a statement by Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim yesterday that the Treasury was studying the whole aspect of the aerospace industry to provide aerospace companies with incentives, Dr Mahathir said it was necessary to provide them with incentives since it was a new industry and in most countries, their aerospace industry had "considerable" government support.

On Lima '93 he said the show was a great success and the aerial displays were very impressive. Many traders had visited the show and the amount of business done was good.

The Prime Minister, who arrived here on Monday, returns to Kuala Lumpur tonight. -- Bernama

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