

'TV stations must promote projects'

ALOR STAR, Sun. — Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today called on local television stations to help promote tourism in the country even though promoters of such projects did not advertise with them.

Speaking after a brief visit to the newly opened Holiday Inn Resort at Pedu Dam, 90km from here, the Prime

Minister said: "I hope, with their permission, RTM and TV3 will show this event tonight to promote Malaysia. It does not matter if they (the aircraft owner and resort operator) don't advertise."

He had earlier arrived at the resort on board a Cessna Caravan 1 amphibious aircraft from the Sultan Abdul Halim Airport in Kepala Ba-

tas, north of here. He was accompanied by his wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali.

Dr Mahathir addressed his remarks to the news crew of the two stations there. The following are his remarks to the two TV stations before commenting on amphibious air services:

PM: "Is everybody here? What do you want to know?

Are you ready? Did you take the picture of the plane landing?"

Reporters: "Yes!"

PM: "Are you going to show it tonight? You take a lot of pictures but you never show ... We requested you the other day to air what I had said, but instead you aired what someone else said (about the same subject)."