

Pangkor 'can be top tourist venue'

PANGKOR, Tues. — Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is confident that Pulau Pangkor will become a top tourist destination.

"I see progress. A lot has been achieved in Pulau Pangkor," he said during a visit to the island's newest resort, Teluk Dalam Resort, here yesterday.

"If the efforts continue and with investments, especially from the private sector, the aim to make Pulau Pangkor a top tourist destination will be achieved."

Dr Mahathir received a symbolic key to the RM55 million Teluk Dalam Resort from Menteri Besar Tan Sri Ramli Ngah Talib, who is also chairman of the State Development Corporation which is developing the resort.

He was briefed on the project located on a 16.2ha site at Teluk Dalam, northeast of the island, facing the Dinding Straits.

Meanwhile, the combined efforts of the people in the spirit of *gotong-royong* to beautify Changkat Kruing new village has impressed Dr Mahathir.

Dr Mahathir visited the new village at Air Tawar near here after being told of the "people's power" in beautifying the new village.

"I'm very impressed by the clean and well kept village and which is grown with beautiful plants," said Dr Mahathir here yesterday.

"It is a beautiful garden. Even an old rubbish incinerator has been blended beautifully with it."

Dr Mahathir urged everyone to follow the example set by the residents by beautifying their surrounding.

He said that as citizens of a progressive nation they should live in a beautiful clean environment.