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Langkawi - Underwater

MORE TOURIST ATTRACTIONS FOR LANGKAWI

LANGKAWI, March 19 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today launched three new tourist attractions in Langkawi -- Underwater World Langkawi, Langkawi Coral and Zon Langkawi -- the biggest such projects in Southeast Asia.

Underwater World Langkawi was developed by Sriwani Holdings Berhad at a cost of RM11 million and is expected to further enhance the tourist industry of this legendary island.

The Prime Minister spent more than an hour inspecting the 3,038 square metre structure.

Within the structure visitors stroll along the "walk-through tunnel tank" will be able to enjoy the illusory sensation of walking on an actual sea-bed. The oceannarium features more than 100 tanks of fish exhibiting over 500 species such as the colourful clownfish, huge sharks, moray eels, turtles and giant groupers.

The Langkawi Coral is a floating platform anchored at the Pulau Payar Marine Park. Aboard the 735 square metre platform one could see the marine life in its natural habitat by choosing to snorkel or dive. For the less adventutrous rides on glass-bottomed boats are also available.

Meanwhile for visitors with the passion for world class standard goods at duty free prices, there is the Zon Langkawi which is annexed to Underwart World Langkawi. Goods available include watches, designer apparel, chocolate and confectionaries.

Cameras and films are also on sale here.

It is open daily from 10am to 7.30pm. The entrance fee is RM12 for adults and RM8 for children.

Touching on tourist developoment in Langkawi, the Prime Minister said as a unique tourist centre, Langkawi should take note of the expenses incurred by tourists in coming here.

Langkawi should take of the prices it charged to attract tourists who might go to other places if they found the cost here was too high for them.

Present at the launching were Kedah Menteri Besar Tan Sri Osman Aroff and Executive Director of Sriwani Holdings Berhad Tuan Haji Razak bin Yahya. -- BERNAMA

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