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MOUNTAIN RESORTS SHOULD HAVE ADEQUATE FACILITIES, SAYS DR MAHATHIR

ALOR SETAR, Jan 4 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today that mountain areas to be developed as tourist spots should have adequate facilities to attract visitors.

He said that mountain resorts should be developed to the maximum to become popular tourist destinations.

Investments in such tourism projects could bring attractive returns if the projects proved successful, he told reporters after visiting the Gunung Jerai resort, about 1,216.8 metres above sea level.

Dr Mahathir, who was accompanied by Menteri Besar Tan Sri Osman Aroff, was earlier briefed by the chief executive officer of the Kedah State Economic Development Corporation (SEDC), Encik Hashim Hassan, on the development of the resort undertaken by the Kedah government.

Hashim said that 28 chalets providing 100 bedrooms were being built at the six-hectare site developed at a cost of between RM12 million and RM15 million.

The Prime Minister then visited the Forestry Museum there.

Later, Dr Mahathir toured the Alor Setar Tower at the Pekan Rabu Complex before returning to Kuala Lumpur.

The 165.5-metre Alor Setar Tower at the Darul Aman Expressway is the second highest telecommunications tower in the country after the Kuala Lumpur Tower, built by Telekom Malaysia Bhd at a cost of RM40 million. -- Bernama