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PM IN PERAK TO LAUNCH RURAL VISION MOVEMENT

SEBERANG PERAK, July 4 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad arrived here this morning to launch the Gerakan Desa Wawasan (Rural Vision Movement).

He was accompanied by Datuk Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali and Menteri Besar Tan Sri Ramli Ngah Talib and his wife.

The Prime Minister as given traditional welcome after which he proceeded to the Sekolak Kebangsaan Changkat Lada field, the main venue of the event, accompanied by a procession that included 100 motorcyclists.

Dr Mahathir is expected to receive the Desa Wawasan charter pledge from Rural Development Minister Datuk Annuar Musa which will then be delivered to state executive council members in charge of rural development.

Dr Mahathir will then accompany Dr Siti Hasmah to launch the "the 1001 people's courts" project at the badminton hall and then visit an exhibition held in conjunction with the launch of the Gerakan Desa Wawasan.

At about noon, Dr Mahathir is scheduled to visit a padi harvesting site and launch a new brand of rice to be distributed by the Seberang Perak Felcra Scheme Participants Cooperative.

He will also declare open the Dataran Piagam, a monument on which the charter is recorded, before leaving for Ipoh to perform the ground-breaking ceremony for the Asean-Sheffield Medical College building. -- BERNAMA

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