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PM LAUNCHES LATEST TOURIST ATTRACTION IN LANGKAWI

LANGKAWI, Oct 23 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad tonight simultaneously opened the Langkawi Development Authority (LADA) Complex and the two latest tourist attractions on the duty-free resort island in a colourful ceremony.

The two tourist attractions are the RM14 million Lang Square and Langkawi Legend in The Park built at a cost of RM30 million.

The ceremony which was broadcast live by Radio Television Malaysia (RTM) was followed by a fireworks display lasting almost 45 minutes and laser lights showing an eagle flying towards the LADA Complex.

Earlier Dr Mahathir, who was accompanied by his wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali was entertained to a 30-minute multi-media presentation on Langkawi.

Also present at the ceremony were Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Sanusi Junid and his wife, Inangda Mayan Keumala, Economic Advisor to the Government, Tun Daim Zainuddin and LADA General manager Datuk Halil Mutalib. Sanusi and Daim are also joint chairmen of LADA.

In his speech the Prime Minister said the federal government's determination in developing Langkawi did not mean that it wanted to take over the island.

On the contrary, it was proof of the close cooperation between the federal and Kedah governments in developing a place that has the potential to become a world attraction.

"We don't want to take over Langkawi but only want to help the state government develop the island and that is why we have two joint chairmen for LADA."

"As such we hope the close cooperation enjoyed all this while will continue because a lot more needs to be done to develop the island," he said.

Dr Mahathir said he was confident Langkawi could be further developed with close cooperation and support from everyone without regard for self interest.

"I am proud of the cooperation given by Datuk Sanusi and also Tan Sri Osman (former Menteri Besar Osman Aroff) in developing Langkawi."

Dr Mahathir said the federal government had also not thought of repayment after investing almost RM1 billion to develop the island.

"We only want to see the island develop and the same also goes for the private sector which had invested almost RM3 billion." -- BERNAMA

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