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Dr M opens the RM2bn Mines Resort City

PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad attended the Mines Resort City open house and opened the grand water canal, the first of its kind in Malaysia, at the Mines Shopping Fair in Sungai Besi yesterday.

To mark its opening, Dr Mahathir released colourful carps into the canal before taking a ride on the water taxi himself.

The canal links all the components of the Mines Resort City by Malaysia's first water-taxis.

Later in the night, his wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah launched another landmark, located at the Mines Wonderland - the Unity Square.

This is the first of its kind in Malaysia, the RM6 million worth of art and facilities at the Unity Square was the brainchild of group managing director of Country Heights group, Datuk Lee Kim Yew.

It represents the national philosophy, an attempt to base national unity on a universal concept.

The sculptures of four different races of women are specially built to highlight the status of women, their role and contribution towards the nation's progress.

Dr Siti Hasmah was accompanied by Datin Paduka Zaleha Ismail, Minister of Unity and Community Development. Energy, Telecommunications and Posts Minister, Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu was also present at the ceremony.

Earlier on, Dr Mahathir and his entourage watched a lazer show at the state of the art Imagination Skydrome at the Mines Shopping Fair and took a train ride on the Wawasan 2020 train.

The Unity Square and the Grand Canal are some of the many features of the 1000acre Mines Resort City.

The integrated resort city, dubbed the "Seven Wonders of Malaysia", covers over 5 million sq ft of built-up area.

It consists of the Mines Resort Golf Club, the Mines Wonderland, the Mines Beach Resort, the Mines Shopping Fair and many others.

The RM 2 billion investment, once completed, will boast a number of features never before seen in the region, such as the first theme hotel and the first IT Centre, to name a few.

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