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Dr M to open Perak water theme park today

IPOH, Wed. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will make a half-day visit to the Bukit Merah laketown project in Taiping where he is scheduled to open a water theme park tomorrow.

Sprawled over a 4.4ha area, the theme park costing RM20 million, was opened to the public in January this year.

Among the facilities available at the park, located between Penang and Taiping, about 90km north of here, are giant water slides, slow river ride, twin speed slides, raft ride, children's water slides and "Stop and Go" river ride.

Developed by Segi Objektif (M) Sdn Bhd, a member of the Emkay group of companies, the water park also has facilities for the handicapped and children like the children's lake activities club.

Some 260,000 people have visited the water park.

The Prime Minister will be accompanied by Perak Menteri Besar Tan Sri Ramli Ngah Talib during the visit.

According to a statement from the Menteri Besar's office, Dr Mahathir was expected to arrive at Bukit Merah about 2.30pm to open the theme park before being taken on a visit to the laketown project site sprawled on a 660ha area just off the North-South Expressway at the Bukit Merah interchange.

The entire project which will be developed over a period of 20 years, costs RM3 billion.

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