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DR MAHATHIR LAUNCHES RM250 MILLION MINES RESORT

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 8 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad last night launched the RM250 million "Mines Shopping Fair", while his wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah launched the RM6 million "Unity Square" at the Mines Resort City, built and operated by the Country Heights group of companies.

The launch of the shopping complex and unity foundation were held in conjunction with the double festivals of the Chinese New Year and the Hari Raya Aidil Fitri.

Part of the launching ceremony included a cruise down the "Grand Canal" in a locally produced water taxi, the first of its kind in Malaysia.

The Mines Shopping Fair, the Unity Square and the Grand Canal are some of the many features of the 400 hectare Mines Resort City, an integrated resort city of over five million sq feet built up area.

The entire resort city cost some RM2 billion to be developed on what was once an abandoned wasteland of the largest open cast mine in the world.

Also present at the launching ceremony were Minister of Works, Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu, Minister of Defence, Datuk Syed Hamid Albar and Minister of National Unity and Social Development, Datuk Paduka Zaleha Ismail. -- BERNAMA

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