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Dr Mahathir opens suspended walkway

EASY DOES IT ... Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad getting the feel of what is claimed to be the world's longest suspended forest walkway which he had just officially opened in Taman Negara yesterday.

The walkway, which reaches a height of 40 metres above the forest floor at some points, runs a distance of 450 metres.

It is the third of its kind in Malaysia.

The other two are in Poring, Sabah, and the Forest Research Institute of Malaysia in Kepong, Selangor.

The strong cables and ropes from which the walkway is suspended are tied onto trees. Wooden spacers prevent the cables from coming in contact with the bark of the trees.

Not a single nail was used in its construction.

The cables and ropes are checked every morning.

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