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MAHATHIR OPENS WATER THEME PARK

TAIPING, Nov 13 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad opened the RM20-million water theme park at the Bukit Merah integrated laketown project, near here, today, the only modern recreational park in northern Peninsular Malaysia.

To mark the opening, Dr Mahathir, who was accompanied by Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, released pigeons followed by the letting off of colourful streamers from a cannon.

Among the facilities at the 4.4ha park are a giant wave pool, giant water slide, a 300-metre river ride, raft tube rides, children's water slides and "Stop and Go" river ride.

The park opened to the public in January this year also has facilities for the handicapped. Some 300,000 people have visited the park so far.

Developed by Leisure Industries from Australia, it is part of the 660ha laketown project comprising recreational parks, housing, commercial centre, a private hospital and an institution of higher learning.

The entire project, costing RM3 billion, is to be developed over a 20-year period by Segi Objektif (M) Sdn Bhd, a member of the Emkay Group of Companies.

Dr Mahathir also visited the RM18-million Marina Village and the 174-room Laketown Inn Hotel, which was opened in September.

Menteri Besar Tan Sri Ramli Ngah Talib, Pulau Pinang Deputy Chief Minister Datuk Shariff Omar, Perak Barisan Nasional (BN) component party leaders and senior government officers were among the 10,000 people present to witness the opening. -- BERNAMA

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