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OWNER OF PALACE OF GOLDEN HORSES WANTS IMPROVEMENT

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 5 (Bernama) -- Despite satisfactory remarks from delegates who attended the seventh G15 summit at the Mines Resort City here, its owner is not taking the praises in his stride.

Tan Sri Lee Kim Yew has instead pledged to improve the hotels and exhibition facilities there to that of world standard.

"I am very happy with the feedback I received. A lot more can be done," he told reporters when asked how he felt as the summit came to a close today.

The ever-smiling Lee, clearly relieved after attending to the requirements of the meeting, reminded his staff not to be complacent but to continue to be efficient.

Lee said the Palace of the Golden Horses, being a new hotel, was honoured to serve nine heads of government and representatives of other member countries, along with ministers and other delegates.

"We have achieved in making Mines as the centre for Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions (MICE), which will help Malaysia cater for the MICE market," he said.

Lee said his employees were compiling responses from the delegates and journalists who covered the meeting in order to provide better services for future meetings.

He said among features that would be improved were transportation facilities and fibre-optic infrastructure to facilitate tele-conferencing.

The summit which began on Monday was attended by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, President Suharto of Indonesia, President Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe, President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, President Alberto Fujimori of Peru, President Liamine Zeroual of Algeria, Vice-President Dr Carlos Ruckauf of Argentina, Vice-President Krishan Kant of India and Deputy Prime Minister Dr Seymour Mullings of Jamaica.

Prior to that, G15 trade and foreign ministers as well as senior officials held preparatory meetings for the summit which started on Oct 28.

Meanwhile, as Dr Mahathir checked out from the Place of Golden Horses this afternoon, he shook hands with most of the hotel's staff who had lined up to wish him good-bye.

Approached by reporters, Dr Mahathir said: "I think it went off very well although I was worried at first as it (the hotel) had just opened -- in fact it (just about) opened the day the meeting started."

"The visitors told me they are very happy with the hotel and its services, and of course with the meeting," he said. -- BERNAMA

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