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PM AND CABINET MEMBERS TAKE VIEW FROM WORLD'S TALLEST BUILDING

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 19 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his Cabinet members today visited the Kuala Lumpur City Centre (KLCC) and took the view of the city from the Petronas Twin Towers, the world's tallest building which forms the centrepiece of the project.

It was the first time the ministers visited the KLCC in a group although the Prime Minister had frequently made site inspections during the construction stage.

His deputy, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, last visited the KLCC on Jan 23.

The 88-storey Petronas Twin Towers rise 452 metres, and were certified as the world's tallest building by the World Council of Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat.

Dr Mahathir and the Cabinet members were briefed by KLCC managing director Abdul Rahim Naim. Also present was Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Halim Ali.

Rahim told reporters later that Petronas, which would use one of the towers as its headquarters, was moving in its staff in stages. The first group moved in on Jan 27.

He said the other tower would be rented out with the first tenants expected to move in by June.

After the 90-minute visit to the tower, Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik might have summed up the feelings of his colleagues when he said: "The view is fantastic." It was his first visit to the KLCC.

Before going up the tower, Dr Mahathir, Anwar and the other ministers had lunch at the KLCC site office. They had earlier attended the weekly Cabinet meeting.

The government leaders went as far up as the 86th floor, which would be the highest occupied level.

They also stopped at the 41st floor where a skybridge connects the two towers, 178 metres above street level. -- BERNAMA

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