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PM ARRIVES FOR ONE-DAY WORKING VISIT TO PERAK

IPOH, May 15 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed and Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah arrived at the Sultan Azlan Shah Airport here on board an executive jet at 8.45am for a one-day working visit to Perak.

They were welcomed by Menteri Besar Tan Sri Ramlil Ngah Talib and his wife, State Executive Councillors, State Secretary Datuk Abdul Habib Mansor and community leaders.

Dr Mahathir headed straight for the Clearwater Sanctuary Golf Resort in Batu Gajah about 30km from here. The 27-hole course is built on 300 hectares of former tin mining land.

The Prime Minister will then open the Lumut Independent Power Producer (IPP) Plant at Segari about 10KM from here.

The turbine gas power plant costing RM4 billion is the biggest of its kind in Malaysia and the third biggest in the world. It can generate 1,303 megawatts of power a year.

The project was implemented by Segari Energy Venture Sdn Bhd (SEV), a joint venture among Malakoff Bhd (75 per cent equity), Tenaga Nasional Bhd (20 per cent) and Malaysian Resources Corporation Bhd (MRCB) (five per cent).

It will sell electricity to Tenaga Nasional for a concession period of 21 years, effective from 1996.

The Prime Minister will then head for the Safire Pharmaceuticals (M) Sdn Bhd factory, a company producing medicine and cleaning equipment at the Seri Iskandar Pharmaceutical Park (SIPP), some 35km from here. It is a Bumiputera owned company.

Safire, was relocated there from Segambut near Kuala Lumpur. It covers six hectares of the 112 hectare SIPP.

Dr Mahathir will also visit Gua Tempurung, which is among the most beautiful limestone caves in Gopeng district about 20km from here before returning to Kuala Lumpur at 6.30pm. -- BERNAMA

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