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PM JOINS SUNGEIWAY TO LAUNCH A HOTEL IN THE CITY OF SUNWAY

PETALING JAYA, Sept 17 (BERNAMA) -- The SungeiWay group tonight launched its Sunway Lagoon Resort Hotel, its pride and joy, and a centrepiece in an expensive development on what had once been barren mine and a quarry. SungeiWay calls the new life and land, Sunway City.

Begun as a waterpool playground for children and beach-starved city residents, the City has since grown to accommodate a monorail and Sphinx and pyramid structures which, increasingly by the day, is appearing as the trademark.

More prestigious, grander, and more opulent than all that, is the Sunway Lagoon hotel, built for RM420 million, and just two months ago was residence to the 30th Asean Ministerial Conference.

The conference stamped international prestige not only on the hotel but, perhaps, the entire Sunway City development as well.

Hence Tan Sri Dr Jeffrey Cheah, SungeiWay president and Sunway creator, was willing to hope, he said, that the prime minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad would also officiate at other, newer Sunway pieces. Sunway Pyramid, for example, he said at the launching.

Dr Mahathir might have heard, for he did declare open the hotel tonight. Was it not at Sunway City that Asean was, officially, enlarged with flag raising and all?

The Sunway Lagoon hotel was not opulent for its own sake -- for functionality, it boasts one of the country's largest ballrooms, able to hold 2,200 seated, without columns between any two pairs of the shoulders.

It also has 450 rooms, of all classes: deluxe, "themed", business and, of course, suites.

Such standards are clearly not designs by accident, and Dr Cheah suggested as much in his speech, saying that the hotel reflected the government's own aspirations and, in particular, Dr Mahathir's level of standards and efficiency.

At the hotel, there is also a gigantic man-made wave pool, again another achievement.

These examples may represent heights of possibilities, and the Sunway Lagoon hotel the crowning glory. But, even then, more are yet to come.

Said Dr Cheah: "We have several other projects in the pipeline, but these will be unfolded at the appropriate time." -- BERNAMA

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