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PM LAUNCHES GENTING'S STATE-OF-THE-ART CABLE CAR SYSTEM

GENTING HIGHLANDS, Feb 21 (Bernama) -- The country's premier mountain resort, Genting Highlands, is set to scale even greater heights with the launch of a monocable car system by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today.

The 'Genting Skyway', reputed to be the world's fastest monocable car system, is expected to ease traffic congestion to and from the resort, especially during peak seasons.

More than 9 million people visited Genting Highlands last year.

The cable car system, which can carry 2,000 people per hour each way, links Gohtong Jaya to Highlands Hotel, the resort's newest hotel situated 2,000m above sea level.

The 3.38km ride takes just 11 minutes compared with a bus journey of 25 to 35 minutes.

After launching the Genting Skyway, Dr Mahathir is scheduled to witness the formal handing over of fire service and rescue responsibilities in Genting Highlands to the government. This includes turning over the Genting Highlands Fire Station to the authorities.

The Genting Group will be donating two turntable ladder fire engines with a working height of 53m and a rapid response water system at a total cost of RM8 million.

The first engine is due to arrive from Germany in April while the second will be ready by December this year.

Dr Mahathir will also launch the 888-room Highlands Hotel, bringing the number of hotels at the resort to five.

Work on the RM439 million hotel began in late 1993. -- BERNAMA

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