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PM to open two factories during visit to Pahang

PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamad Ali will make a two-day official visit to Pahang on Monday and Tuesday.

On Monday morning, he will simultaneously open two petrochemical plants belonging to Packaging (M) Sdn Bhd and W.R. Grace Specialty Chemicals (M) Sdn Bhd at the Gebeng industrial estate.

Both are subsidiaries of Florida-based W.R. Grace & Co.

W.R. Grace Packaging manufactures polyolefin shrink film, used in the packaging of retail and consumer goods.

W.R. Grace Specialty Chemicals manufactures silica, which is used as performance enhancer in a variety of industrial processes and end-use products including edible oil refinery, ethanol production and the manufacturing of polyethylene raisins, plastic containers, toothpaste, paints and films.

From there, Dr Mahathir will leave for Gambang, about 50km away, where he will officially open the 1,200ha MEC City, the country's electrical appliances capital and launch electrical products which carry a Malaysian brand name.

The manufacturer is Malaysia Electric Corporation Bhd, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Kuala Lumpur Industries Holdings Bhd.

After lunch, the Prime Minister will leave for Chini, Pekan to inspect the site of a proposed dam.

Dr Mahathir and Dr Siti Hasmah will spend the night in Taman Negara, Jerantut. The following morning, he will officially open the canopy walkway project at the national park.

Menteri Besar Tan Sri Mohd Khalil Yaakob, who visited the W.R. Grace plants and MEC City yesterday, said everything was in place for the visit.

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