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PM TO VISIT GUA TEMPURUNG IN MARCH

IPOH, Jan 23 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is expected to visit Gua Tempurung, one of the limestone caves near Sungai Siput south, in March.

Menteri Besar Tan Ramli Ngah Talib said Dr Mahathir was expected to make the visit after attending another function in the state.

Currently, works to upgrade and beautify the cave were going smoothly, he said after breaking the fast with the members of press, Information and Kemas officers at his resident here last night.

He said an Australian expert in limestone caves had been engaged by the developer Heritage Acres Sdn Bhd to advise them in the use of light, building of viewing platform and pathways to enhance the beauty of the cave.

Heritage Acres Sdn Bhd, a joint venture company between Yayasan Perak, Malaysian Kuwaiti Investment Company and Dorna Group, has been given the contract to develop the cave and its surrounding area into a tourist attraction area.

The company is expected to spend RM650 million to develop the area including setting up a water sport area, equestrian and mini zoo over a 12-year period.

The Gunung Tempurung, which is one of the most prominent limestone hill visible along the North-South Highway was given the name because of its inverted coconut shell shape. -- BERNAMA

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