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DR: WHY CYBERVIEW LODGE WAS CHOSEN AS APEC RETREAT

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 14 (Bernama) -- The quiet ambience at Cyberview Lodge amidst sprawling oil palm plantations was one of the reasons why it was chosen as the retreat for this year's Apec Summit, says Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Besides showcasing the progress of the Multimedia Super Corridor, the country's hi-tech development zone which is also located in the vicinity, Cyberview Lodge was chosen because of its estate-like environment, he said in an interview with Bernama TV.

"The environment is very suitable for a retreat as it is away from the busy city, traffic and all that. It is a quiet place, typical of a Malaysian estate.

"I think it is good for people to see the other side of Malaysia," said Dr Mahathir.

The prime minister, who is also the chair of this year's Apec Summit, said when foreigners came to Malaysia, they usually visited Kuala Lumpur.

"They pass through rubber estates, palm oil estates but they never stop. Now they are going to live for almost a whole day in an oil palm plantation.

Cyberview Lodge is located in Cyberjaya, about 45 minutes by road from Kuala Lumpur. -- BERNAMA

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