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DR MAHATHIR SATISFIED WITH TOURIST ARRIVALS IN LANGKAWI

LANGKAWI, May 2 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is satisfied with the measures taken by several hotels here which give special discounts to tourists to lure them to the island, Langkawi Development Authority (Lada) general manager Datuk Haji Abdul Halil Mutalib said today.

Discounts of 40 to 50 per cent were given to the tourists, he told reporters at the airport here after sending off the prime minister who had earlier visited several five-star hotels on the island to see for himself the tourist response during the current economic slowdown.

Abdul Halil said the five-star hotels were not much affected by the slowdown as they had achieved 80 to 100 per cent occupancy rates.

"In fact, at the five-star Berjaya Langkawi and Spa Resort in Teluk Burau which we visited yesterday, the occupancy rate was 100 per cent and 80 per cent of the guests were foreigners," he said.

He believed the response was due to the tourism promotions carried out by Lada in London and Berlin last year.

Dr Mahathir and his wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamad Ali, arrived here on Thursday for a vacation on this duty-free island.

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