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DR MAHATHIR INSPECTS ISLAMIC ARTS MUSEUM AND KLCC

KUALA LUMPUR, June 28 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad inspected the Islamic Arts Museum project, which is under construction next to Masjid Negara, here, today.

He arrived in a four-wheel-drive vehicle which he drove himself and was given a briefing by Syed Azmin Syed Nor, director of Amtek Holdings Bhd which is building the museum. The building is 70 per cent complete.

The RM70 million museum funded by the Albukhary Foundation will feature Islamic artefacts and art works from all over the work and will serve as a centre for Islamic education, research, artistic development and science.

To occupy over 22,000 square metres, it is slated for completion in December.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Dr Abdul Hamid Othman, Malaysian Islamic Advancement Department Director-General Datuk Abdul Hamid Zainal Abidin and one of the foundation's founders, Syed Mohammad Syed Nor, accompanied Dr Mahathir on the tour.

Later, Dr Mahathir, joined by Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali and their two children, visited the People's Park at the Kuala Lumpur City Centre (KLCC).

They were swamped by members of the public who wanted to take photos with them as mementoes which they sportingly obliged.

The prime minister and his family later rode in an antique car and the electric car, Eleksuria, to the Suria shopping complex in the centre.

Dr Mahathir was accompanied by Tan Sri Azizan Zainul Abidin, chairman of Petronas, the centre's owner, and its chief executive, Tan Sri Hassan Marican.

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