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PM to officially open Second Link today

JOHOR BARU, Fri. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad arrives here tomorrow for a two-day visit, which will include the opening of the Malaysia-Singapore Second Crossing or Second Link.

Dr Mahathir will open the bridge with his Singapore counterpart Goh Chok Tong tomorrow morning.

His heavy schedule will include visits to the major infrastructural projects here, a number of which he will officially open.

The 2km long Second Link, which was built at an estimated cost of RM1.3 billion, links Gelang Patah in Tanjung Kupang, Johor, to Tuas in Singapore.

It has been opened to the public since Jan 2.

About 11am, Dr Mahathir will visit the Tanjung Pelepas Second Port site, where he is expected to be briefed on the progress of the project, the first phase of which costs some RM2.8 billion.

After lunch with Johor Umno leaders at Saujana, the official residence of the Menteri Besar Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman, the Prime Minister will tour the Johor Baru Duty Free Complex, or Zon Complex.

His programme there will include witnessing the signing ceremony of a memorandum of understanding between Universiti Teknologi Malaysia and two companies - Equiventures Sdn Bhd and the French-based Lyonnaise Des Eaux, at the Eden Garden Hotel.

Under the MoU, UTM will undertake a two-year, RM4 million study of the treatment of dam water with high concentrations of iron, aluminium and magnesium, and of water affected by algae.

Dr Mahathir will officially open the Zon Complex at 8pm at a special dinner reception.

On Sunday morning, Dr Mahathir will officiate the World Motorcycle Grand Prix at Pasir Gudang.

At noon, he will visit an integrated farming project in Kulai managed by the Johor Education Foundation.

He officially opens the new terminal building of the Sultan Ismail Airport at 5pm.

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