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PM calls for more economic activities

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KUALA LUMPUR, Sat. - Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said more economic activities are needed to contribute to the country's development and financial strength.

The Prime Minister today commended Plus Bhd's initiative in opening the RM26 million overhead bridge restaurant at Km458.4 of the North-South Expressway near Sungai Buloh.

Straddling both sides of the expressway, the restaurant offers a good view of the expressway.

It is also a convenient one-stop centre for north and south bound travellers.

The Sungai Buloh overhead bridge restaurant is the first of two to be opened along the expressway. The other is located at Km210 near Ayer Keroh, Malacca, and is due to open by June.

"Having shops on overhead bridges has always been fascinating, and the most famous is The Realto which spans a canal in Venice," Dr Mahathir said at the opening of the restaurant.

Dr Mahathir said overhead bridge restaurants had become popular, particularly in Europe and the United States.

He hoped Plus and other concession holders would set up more such restaurants to serve motorists.

This would lead to healthy competition among the operators to provide better services, he added.

At the function, he was presented cheques by Plus and 7-Eleven for RM10,000 each to the Seri Tanjung Old Folk's Home and the Kampung Damai Orphanage.

Among those present were Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Abu Hassan Omar and Works Minister Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu.

The Sungai Buloh overhead bridge restaurant was opened to users in November last year.

There are four other restaurants on the bridge - Burger King, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Tasty Noodles and Malay House.

Other facilities in the area include shops, petrol stations, surau, public washrooms and automated teller machines.

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