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PM LAUNCHES JOHOR BAHARU DUTY-FREE COMPLEX

JOHOR BAHARU, April 18 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad opened the Johor Baharu Duty Free Complex, one of the largest duty-free complexes in the region, here, tonight.

The complex, on a 6.8-hectare site in Jalan Ibrahim here, faces Singapore's Senoko Power Station across the Tebrau Straits.

It offers one-stop duty free shopping, dining and entertainment, transportation, accommodation and convention facilities. It was built by Kelana Megah Sdn Bhd, a member of public-listed Sriwani Holdings Berhad, a diversified corporation engaged in tourism-related activities.

The complex has a shopping podium comprising four levels and a basement totalling over 30,000 sq m of retail space and more than 180 boutique shoplots.

It also houses the Eden Garden Hotel, JB Expo Centre and the ultra-modern Johor Baharu International Ferry Terminal for services to Tanah Merah in Singapore, Indonesia's Batam and Bintan islands and Tanjung Belungkor, near Desaru.

Present were the prime minister's wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, Menteri Besar Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman and Singapore Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong.

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