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CM opens overhead bridge restaurant

MALACCA, Sun. - The country's second overhead bridge restaurant along the North-South Expressway at Ayer Keroh was officially opened by Chief Minister Datuk Seri Abu Zahar Isnin today.

Located between the Simpang Ampat and Ayer Keroh interchanges, the RM24 million overhead bridge is the second such restaurant on the North-South Expressway after Sungai Buloh.

The construction of such a facility was mooted by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for a more user-friendly highway.

Abu Zahar said the facility provided by Projek Lebuhraya Utara-Selatan could help reduce the number of crashes along the highway.

"Motorists can take a good rest here if they feel tired after a long journey."

He congratulated PLUS which had also built a motorcross racing circuit and handicraft stores for users' convenience.

Also present were the Works and Public Utilities State Committee chairman Datuk Yassin Mohd Sarif; Health, Manpower and Consumer Affairs State Committee chairman Datuk Wira Gan Boon Leong, and PLUS executive director Datuk Dr Ramli Mohamad.

Work on the overhead bridge whose features include a children's playground, automated teller machines and surau, began in September 1996, and was completed last April.

The handicraft stores are operated by the State Culture and Arts Council, Kraftangan Malaysia and the State Development Corporation.

The Malaysian Motorcross/Cubcross Championship Round 3 and a durian festival were held at the bridge to mark the opening.

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