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Mahathir-Hydrofoil

MALAYSIA MAY BUY RUSSIAN HYDROFOIL BOATS

KHABAROVSK (Russia), Aug 17 (Bernama) -- Malaysia is considering buying Russian-made hydrofoil boats for use in ferrying passengers, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said here Tuesday.

" I'm very impressed with the hydrofoil boats made here and we will consider buying," he said after visiting the Khabarovsk Shipbuilding Yard.

He was taken around the giant plant and briefed on the various types of boats produced but showed particularly keen interest in a hydrofoil being built.

Dr Mahathir, who is on a three-day visit to this Russian far eastern region, later watched a demonstration by a hovercraft on the Amur River before being taken on a two-hour river cruise.

Meanwhile, Dr Mahathir's wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali visited two museums and a Fine Arts Gallery here.

Later, the prime minister attended a performance by the Far Eastern Symphony Orchestra at the Khabarovsk Musical Comedy Theatre.

Dr Mahathir will leave for a two-day visit to China Wednesday before proceeding to the Russian Republic of Buryatia on Aug 20.

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