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`PM's vision bringing in the money'

KUALA LUMPUR Mon. - Through the vision of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Malaysia is constantly looking into bringing in "new money" into the country.

MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik said today the recent Formula One is a classic example of how Dr Mahathir's mind works.

"There were 600 million viewers watching the race live from Sepang and with the repeat telecast, the total number was three billion.

"Just by hosting one leg of the Formula One, Malaysia is now very well known globally. This is a very good way of advertising our country.

"In fact during the race I met some friends and they asked me why we were hiding Malaysia. They felt it was a wonderful place to visit and I am sure that by hosting the Formula One, we will see an increase in tourist arrivals," said Dr Ling who is also Transport Minister.

He said this after launching the Chinese version of The Way Forward authored by Dr Mahathir.

The book consists of five essays by Dr Mahathir that reflects the successes and failures of the New Economic Policy.

"Dr Mahathir was the main architect of the NEP and it was about expanding the economic pie. He is still doing this by deciding to host the Formula One and also going into the sea cruise industry.

"There is a lot of money to be made in the cruise industry and we are making efforts to place more priority in this industry," said Dr Ling.

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