

Approval for cable car project only if cost reasonable, says Dr M

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LANGKAWI. Sun: The federal government will only approve the ambitious cable car project atop Gunung Matchinchang if the investment cost is found to be reasonable.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the project, estimated to cost about RM 60 million, is still being studied by consultants to ensure it is environment-friendly.

He was speaking after officiating the closing ceremony of the Piala Perdana 2000 Badminton championship at the Langkawi Development Authority sports complex here today.

It was reported that an impressive list of attractions are found along the 700m Gunung Matchinchang range.

Earlier, Mahathir said the badminton championship which involves wives of cabinet ministers, deputy ministers, mentris besar, chief ministers, state exco members and senior government officials, has grown into an event which helps foster closer relationship between all levels of the government at federal and state levels.

Held since 1985, this year's event was won by the Sabah state contingent, its third straight win.

Federal Territory (Bakti) took second place followed by Perak and Sarawak.

Mahathir, who is on a three-day working visit here, had earlier this morning flagged off the annual Indy 40 Enduro 2000 go-kart racing championship and inspected development projects.