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Big plans for Port Dickson

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PORT DICKSON, Fri. - Port Dickson has the potential to become the centre of marina industry in Malaysia, Menteri Besar Tan Sri Mohd Isa Abdul Samad said today.

He was speaking at a Press conference after launching the 10th Malaysian International Boat Show 2000 at Admiral Marina and Leisure Club, Port Dickson today.

Mohd Isa added that during a meeting between Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Barisan Nasional Menteris Besar, Dr Mahathir said he would like to see a marina in every State.

He said the Prime Minister was keen to make the country a marina hub for watersports and boating enthusiasts.

"As we have Admiral Marina operating successfully, we have already achieved the first part of the PM's target.

"The State Government has approved the construction of four marinas with Admiral Marina being the first one to start operating," the Menteri Besar said.

Mohd Isa said Port Dickson could become the centre of the marina industry when the other three marinas were completed within the next two years.

He said Admiral Marina was strategically located as it was part of the international yacht route.

"The marina industry is a lucrative venture and it is also in line with the State Government's objective of putting the State on international tourism map."

The ongoing exhibition sees the participation of foreign vessels from as far as Europe and the United States.

Exhibition organiser Protemp Exhibitions Sdn Bhd chairman Datuk Ahmad Ithnin said the show was held here because Admiral Marina had all the necessary facilities.

In another development, Mohd Isa advised companies to be prepared for future challenges as the nation moved towards a knowledge-based economy.

Also present at the launching of the exhibition were Reliance Pacific Berhad chairman Datuk Gan Eng Kwong, Reliance Pacific chief executive officer Datin Irene Tan and Reliance Pacific director Mukhriz Mahathir.

The exhibition is being held from Nov 9 to this Sunday. Admission is RM4 for adults and RM2 for children.

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