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DR MAHATHIR ARRIVES FOR OFFICIAL VISIT TO SARAWAK

KUCHING, July 15 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali arrived at the Kuching International Airport today for a three-day working visit to Sarawak.

The Prime Minister and his wife were greeted by Sarawak traditional performances which included dances by the Iban, Orang Ulu and Bidayuh communities as well as the dragon dance and kompang beat.

At the airport to welcome Dr Mahathir and Dr Siti Hasmah were Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud, Deputy Chief Ministers Tan Sri Dr George Chan and Tan Sri Alfred Jabu, state cabinet ministers and state and federal government senior officers.

Dr Mahathir began his tight schedule by attending a meeting with the state Barisan Nasional (BN) leaders from Parti Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu (PBB), Parti Bersatu Rakyat Sarawak (SUPP), Parti Bansa Dayak Sarawak (PBDS) and Parti Kebangsaan Sarawak (Snap).

In the afternoon, he will open Sarawak's first highland resort, the Borneo Highland Resort, located 70km from here.

The RM500-million resort is a joint effort by Kumpulan Country Heights Holding Berhad (CHHB) and Land Custody and Development Authority (LCDA).

Tomorrow Dr Mahathir will attend a luncheon for all communities at the Banquet Hall, State Legislative Assembly Building.

After the function, he is scheduled to open the Wisma Chinese Chamber Building in Jalan Bukit Mata, here and in the evening, attends a Youth Gathering at the Unity Stadium in Petra Jaya.

On the final day of his visit, Dr Mahathir will chair the National Information Technology Council meeting.

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