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DR MAHATHIR INSPECTS PROJECTS

LANGKAWI, March 11 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today inspected several development projects here, including the RM20-million Oriental Village in Teluk Burau.

The project, consisting of 30 budget rooms and 26 shop units, is developed by Lada, the Langkawi Development Authority, to capitalise on the resort island's duty-free status.

Dr Mahathir later visited Malaysia's first crystal village, a RM15-million project in Pulau Rebak, which is scheduled for opening in June.

The crystal village, on a 0.97-ha site, is modelled after a traditional Malay village incorporating some features of Venice.

LangkawiiCrystaal Sdn Bhd, a leading exporter of crystal novelty items, is developing the village to also have an international training school, a research and development centre, a showroom and a gallery.

These facilities, being jointly developed with a local university, will see the village offering diploma and degree courses in franchising, handicraft and entrepreneur development.

LangkawiiCrystaal would gradually move its manufacturing operations from Jalan Kisap on the Langkawi main island to Pulau Rebak from the end of the month.

Dr Mahathir, who arrived here with wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali last night, is scheduled to leave for Kuala Lumpur later today.

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