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DR MAHATHIR TEST DRIVES CLASSIC SPORTS CAR

LANGKAWI, Nov 19 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad test drove the handsome hand-built classic sports car TD 2000 model as soon as he arrived here today for the Langkawi International Dialogue (LID) 2000.

Dr Mahathir was accompanied by his wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali.

The model, with fully-computerised electronic fuel injection, is currently being distributed domestically by Edaran Otomobil Nasional Bhd (EON).

Dr Mahathir drove the car from the Langkawi International Airport at Padang Matsirat to the Berjaya Langkawi Beach and Spa Resort, the venue for the LID 2000 which begins here today.

Earlier, he was greeted upon arrival by Langkawi Member of Parliament Datuk Abu Bakar Taib and Commonwealth Partnership for Technology Management Ltd (CPTM) Chief Executive Datuk Dr Mihaela Smith and other dignitaries.

Dr Mahathir is expected to attend the CPTM Fellows Langkawi Session before attending the special session on "Making Progress and Sharing Practical Experiences" as its host and convenor.

Tonight Dr Mahathir, who is also the Patron and Advisor of the dialogue themed Global Trends and Emerging Economies, is scheduled to deliver his key-note address at the Mahsuri International Exhibition Centre (MIEC) at Padang Matsirat.

More than 350 people, including government leaders, top government officials, chief executives, academia and media experts from more than 20 countries will participate in the four-day event. -- BERNAMA

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