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DR MAHATHIR VISITS KL INTERNATIONAL MOTORSHOW

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 2 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad spent about two hours visiting the KL International Motorshow (KLIMS) 2000 at the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC) here this evening.

Dr Mahathir, who visited almost all the booths set up by 75 firms taking part in the exposition, was accompanied by the Malaysian Automotive Association president Aishah Ahmad and organisers' senior officials.

Aishah, when speaking to reporters later, said Dr Mahathir was very happy with the international motorshow held from Nov 25 to Dec 4.

"The Prime Minister was very happy with the high technology cars on show and also with the participating companies," she said.

Aishah said the Prime Minister, during his tour of the show, had frequently enquired on the automotive technology used in each of the cars on display.

Aishah said being a car enthusiast himself, Dr Mahathir was very interested in the new models and makes apart from the technology the cars were built with.

"He even jokingly said that he wanted to buy the BMW's James Bond model on show but said he could not as it came with a left-hand drive," she said.

According to Aishah some 150,000 people have visited the show since Nov 25 and the organisers expected another 100,000 visitors over the weekend.

She said most companies, which put up some RM300-million worth of cars and automotive exhibits, have reported sales of their models on show but she could not provide the figures as yet.

"The exhibitors themselves were very happy and satisfied with the response they received at the show," she said, adding that, a few though had some regrets that they did not really spruced up their booths as they did not expect such an overwhelming turnout.

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