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EACH STATE MUST HAVE AT LEAST ONE MARINA- DR MAHATHIR

PORT DICKSON, Nov 10 (Bernama) -- Every state in Peninsular Malaysia must have at least one pleasure boat harbour or marina, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had said.

The Prime Minister said this during his meeting with Menteris Besar and Chief Ministers in Putrajaya yesterday, Negeri Sembilan Menteri Besar Tan Sri Mohamed Isa Abdul Samad said when opening the 10th Malaysia International Boat Show here.

It was the Prime Minister's ardent hope that Malaysia would be a hub for pleasure craft and small boats in this region, he said at the venue of the show

-- the Admiral Marina and Leisure Club here.

Mohamed Isa said the boat and boating industry was expanding fast and was profitable and Malaysia could be a transit point for world mariners.

He said the industry could also encourage the growth of ancillary industries such as workshop and spare part centres for the pleasure craft.

The Menteri Besar said Negeri Sembilan had approved three other marinas apart from the Admiral Marina and these would be completed in two or three years from now.

Mohamed Isa also said the Negeri Sembilan Government would give all necessary support and assistance to the organiser of the boat show Protemp Exhibitions Sdn Bhd if they wanted the Admiral Marina & Leisure Club as the permanent site for the boat show.

This was the first time the show was being held in PD.

Meanwhile, Protemp Exhibitions Sbn Bhd chairman Datuk Ahmad Ithnin said Admiral Marina & Leisure Club offered excellent world class land and water facilities for the comfort of both exhibitors and visitors.

"The Admiral Marina had the capacity to house various boats from jetskis to megayachts."

He said that this year there were about 30 boats on show such as the Sunseeker 80, the Long Range Dive Vessel 86' and the Bertam 66.

Visitors will also get the opportunity to feast their eyes on luxurious mega-yachts, power boats, outboard and inboard engines, marine accessories and fittings, and sail boats.

Some 50 exhibitors including from those Singapore and Thailand are participating in the boat show. There a total of 70 booths and about 20,000 visitors are expected here.

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