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Langkawi's Supertec City to offer total on-line retail transactions

LANGKAWI, Sat. - Visitors to Langkawi can experience total electronic retail transactions under one roof when the Supertec City project is completed.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the proposal by Kuala Lumpur-based Asiankape Sdn Bhd was good for the tourist island and that the Government hoped it would become a reality soon.

Details on the project, however, are not available but it was learnt that the project would cover more than 20,000 sq ft.

"The Government would support any kind of new business venture that would benefit the people," he said, adding that Asiankape's proposal, however, was the fourth or fifth of its kind.

However, he said the previous proposals did not materialise.

Dr Mahathir earlier received a briefing on "Supertec City" from Asiankape managing director Dennis Hayes at Crystal Village at Pulau Rebak.

The Prime Minister, in Langkawi on a three-day working visit, earlier viewed the RM10-million hardstand for yachts and the Crystal Village. He also visited the Oriental Village at Teluk Burau and the Summer Palace at Pantai Kok.

Last night, Dr Mahathir launched a documentary on the Jalur Gemilang Challenge and an Internet portal in conjunction with the first anniversary of Datuk Azhar Mansor's successful attempt in sailing solo around the world.

He is scheduled to flag off the Indy-40 Enduro 2000 at the Morac International Competition Carting Circuit, Pantai Cenang and close the Perdana Cup 2000 Badminton Competition at the Lada Sports Complex tomorrow.

He will be in Alor Star tomorrow to launch the book *Che Det dan Pekan Rabu*.

The hardstand, which is almost similar to dry dockyards used to repair oceanliners, would enable sailors to conduct upgrading and maintenance works on their yachts at competitive rates because of Langkawi's duty-free status.

Owned and operated by the Rebak Island Marina Bhd, a DRB-Hicom Group subsidiary, it is the only one of its kind in the country.

Crystal Village is developed by LangkawiiCrystaal Sdn Bhd, the biggest producer and exporter of crystals in the country.

Accompanying Dr Mahathir on his visits were Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed Zain, DRB-Hicom Group chairman Tan Sri Saleh Sulong, Customs and Excise director-general Datuk Abdul Halil Mutalib, Langkawi Development Authority general manager Datuk Zainal Karib Abdul Rahim and LangkawiiCrystaal managing director Abdoul Rahman Abdullah.

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