

Care for environment, Langkawi told

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LANGKAWI: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said Langkawi has to look after its environment to live up to its Tourism City status.

"If we cut all the hills, Langkawi will become flat and unattractive," he said.

Dr Mahathir also urged authorities to plant more trees along roads here and suggest-

ed the *acacia mangium* — a fast growing tree which is of commercial value.

"We also want roads to be widened and repaired, and landscaping at most places in Langkawi," he said after inspecting several projects.

Dr Mahathir visited a new snake sanctuary in Ulu Melaka, which is home to about 200 snakes from 18 species,

including the rare white reticulated and golden reticulated pythons.

He had earlier performed the ground-breaking ceremony for the country's second cable car project.

The RM46mil project involves the construction of a 2.2km cable car system from Oriental Village to the 708m-high Gunung Macinchang.