

PM checks out projects in Langkawi

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LANGKAWI, Sun. — Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad toured the island today to observe the progress of various development projects.

Dr Mahathir, who was on a one-day working visit, began his tour with an hour-long visit to the snake sanctuary in Ulu Melaka.

The RM3 million sanctuary on a two hectare site is a project by Maju Holdings and was opened to the public last month.

Dr Mahathir later visited Pantai Kok where a rehabilitation and breakwater project costing RM29.6 million is being implemented by the Langkawi Development Au-

thority (Lada).

He later performed the groundbreaking of the RM46 million cable car project from the Oriental Village to Gunung Macincang.

When completed in about 60 weeks, cable cars will take visitors to the 700-metre high hill where they can have a stunning view of the tourism city. They can also view wild orchids and intricate rock formations at the hill.

Later, Dr Mahathir observed the progress of the Kuala Sungai Melaka rehabilitation project which includes a RM29.7 million fish landing complex.

He also viewed the progress of a

shipyard for sailing and mega yachts at Tanjung Lembung. The construction of the Langkawi Yacht Centre is undertaken jointly by Lada and Penang Shipbuilding and Construction Sdn Bhd, a subsidiary of Business Focus Group.

Speaking to reporters about his visit to the island after four months, Dr Mahathir said he was satisfied with the progress of the projects.

He said the island's authorities should plant more trees besides implementing beautification and landscaping projects to keep up with its new image as a tourism city.