

Railway tracks

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Improved

KUALA LUMPUR: The Prime Minister has directed the railway tracks in Kota Kinabalu, Beaufort and Tenom be improved in order to tap the tourism potential of these places.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad discovered the natural beauty of these places during his visit to Sabah several weeks ago, Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik said yesterday.

He said such places would attract foreign tourists in particular as they have never actually seen chickens or cows running around, Dr Ling said.

Dr Mahathir had ordered the ministry and KTM Berhad to study the area and provide feedback on how to improve the railway tracks, he added.

Dr Ling said he has reported back to the Cabinet and the Federal Government had agreed to allocate RM28,570,000 for Sabah Railways to improve the 135km of railway tracks involved.

Such works would be completed within two years, Dr Ling told reporters before the post Cabinet meeting here.

In another development, Dr Ling would be leading over 20 members for a four-day visit to Beijing starting today.

He said he would be promoting Malaysian ports besides meeting the Chinese transport ministers to promote the KL International Airport.