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PM BEGINS K'TAN VISIT, GETS BRIEFING ON AIRPORT EXPANSION

KOTA BAHARU, July 20 (Bernama) -- The Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who is on a one-day visit to Kelantan, was briefed on the on-going expansion of the Sultan Ismail Petra Airport in Pengkalan Chepa soon upon arrival there today.

He is accompanied by wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali.

Malaysia Airports Berhad managing director Datuk Adnan Shamsudin gave the 10-minute briefing which was also attended by Kelantan Umno chief Datuk Mustapa Mohamed and Gua Musang Umno head Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah, among others.

According to Ahmad Rosdi Mahmud, the managing director of Kubang Batang Puspasari Sdn Bhd, the company undertaking the extension work, the project was estimated to cost RM48.5 million.

"Since work began last Oct 25, the project is 33 per cent completed," said Ahmad Rosdi.

Dr Mahathir himself performed the ground-breaking for the project in July 1999. Work is scheduled for completion end of next year.

After the briefing, Dr Mahathir mingled with 20 handicapped people from a nearby training centre before proceeding to Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Kubang Kerian 2 to open an IT literacy programme.

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