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PM EVALUATES RESORT & AGRO DEVELOPMENT IN KOREA & JAPAN

PETALING JAYA, Oct 27 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today said he visited South Korea and Japan to take a rest as well as learn about the latest in resort development and advances in the agriculture sector.

Speaking on his return from a nine-day trip to China where he attended the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Summit in Shanghai as well as to South Korea and Japan, he said he wanted to see for himself how Chaeju Island (South Korea) was being developed as a resort.

Dr Mahathir, who holidayed on Chaeju Island with his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, said he also observed the development of a botanical garden and ways how it could be established in Malaysia.

The prime minister also visited Nagasaki in Japan, which has a well-managed agricultural sector.

Dr Mahathir said besides visiting the two places, he also took the opportunity to finish his work.

"I tried to finish my work there. If I were to stay here, I can't do much because of interruptions. From morning until evening, there will be many people wanting to see me at my office. So I have to take a holiday in order to work," he said.

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