

Dr Mahathir checks on progress of cable car project

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LANGKAWI, Sat. — Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today inspected construction work at the longest cable car project in the world.

The RM45 million project, which is 70 per cent complete, will link the Oriental Village hotel and shopping complex in Burau Bay to the 708-metre peak of Gunung Machinchang, a distance of 2.2km.

The project is undertaken by renowned Austrian cable car specialist company Dopppe Myer and a local firm.

Scheduled for completion in March, the project is expected to serve as a top tourist attraction on the island.

Dr Mahathir, accompanied by Datuk Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, visited the project here as part of a two-day working visit to Langkawi.

The Prime Minister and Dr Siti Hasmah earlier arrived at the Langkawi International Airport at 4.35pm.

Dr Mahathir, who drove to the cable car project site in a four-wheel drive vehicle, was accompanied by officials, including Langkawi Member of Parliament Datuk Abu Bakar Taib and State police chief Datuk Supian Amat.

He then inspected the RM29.6 million Pantai Kok beach reclamation and man-made island project, and the RM28 million beautification of Sungai Melaka.

The Prime Minister also inspected the 4.8ha yacht and luxury ship refurbishing facility.

The facility is a joint venture project between Penang Shipbuilding and Construction Sdn Bhd and the Langkawi Development Authority (Lada).