

# Dr Mahathir visits Langkawi cable car project

LANGKAWI: Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad took time off from his busy schedule at the sixth Langkawi International Dialogue 2002 (LID) here yesterday to visit the country's second cable car project.

As police outriders and security personnel prepared to escort him to the LID venue at Pelangi Beach Resort, the Prime Minister, who usually drives by himself on his visits here, made a detour and headed to the cable car project site in **Burau** Bay instead.

He went on a cable car ride at the site, located next to the Oriental Village.

Kedah Mentri Besar Datuk Seri Syed **Razak** Syed **Zain**, Langkawi Development Authority (**Lada**) general manager Datuk Zainal Karib Abdul Rahim, project consultant Dr Peter A. Wyess and local government officials accompanied him.

Dr Mahathir spent about 45 minutes in the cable car designed like a gondola, to the peak of one of the island's highest mountains, Gunung Mat Chinchang.

Construction work on the **RM46mil** tourism-themed project began last year. The cable car service is expected begin operations by the end of this month.

The system is currently undergoing a trial run conducted by an independent Austrian company.

The route is a **2km-long** cable wiring, using 35 sets of gondolas with the base station at Oriental Village and the top station at the peak of the mountain.

Dr Mahathir also visited the project site of the Harbour Park project located at the reclaimed parts of Pantai Kok, where project consultant, national mariner Datuk **Azhar Mansor**, briefed him.