

# Mahathir visits India's integrated techno township

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HYDERABAD: Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad kicked off his two-day official visit to India with a tour of the Madhapur Hitec City, described as the nerve centre of IT development, some 30km from here.

The Prime Minister was accompanied by Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu who gave a briefing on the state's development.

Naidu told the Malaysian delegation that the state's development was inspired by the vision of Dr Mahathir in developing Malaysia into a developed country by the year 2020.

The city, launched in 1997, was being developed as an

integrated techno-township offering a one-stop solution to the business and social needs of IT and other related industries.

Dr Mahathir was accompanied by Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar, Works Minister Datuk Seri S. Samy Velu and Energy, Telecommunications and Multi-Media Minister Datuk Seri Leo Moggie.

They later left for the International Institute of Information Technology.

The institute was responsible for developing the highest quality manpower at undergraduate and post-graduate level, and conducts research and develops technologies.

They also visited the Infosys Technologies Ltd complex nearby.