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PM, delegation get warm welcome from Thais at border

DANOK, Sun. - The Malaysian delegation led by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad was given a warm welcome by the Thai Government and the people when they arrived at Thailand's immigration checkpoint this morning.

Dr Mahathir and Datuk Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, who arrived in a double-decker coach at 11.15am, were greeted by Thai Foreign Affairs Minister Dr Surakiart Sathirathai and wife Khunying Suthawan Sathirathai.

The couple later continued their journey to Haadyai in two separate cars. They were accompanied by Surakiart and his wife.

A crowd of over 1,000 people lined the streets here, waving Thai and Malaysian flags at the delegation which included ministers, senior Federal and Kedah Government officials and the media.

Earlier, Dr Mahathir visited the Kuala Kedah Marina Harbour project site in Kuala Kedah to check on its progress.

Accompanied by Dr Siti Hasmah and Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed Zain, he was briefed on its development.

The project to be completed next April is owned by the Marine Department and developed by LLC Joint-Venture.

It can accommodate sail boats, a jetty and a clubhouse.

LLC project manager A. Darmesh said the Prime Minister was satisfied with the progress of the project which is 70 per cent completed.