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DR MAHATHIR VISITS TEACHERS QUARTERS

BUKIT KAYU HITAM, Dec 21 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today visited the Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Bandar Bukit Kayu Hitam teachers quarters here which have been constructed for teachers in the district.

He spent about 30 minutes at the project site and was briefed by Datuk Mohamad Nor Mohamad, group chairman of the developer, Kumpulan Encorp Sdn Bhd.

Mohamad Nor said the prime minister, who was accompanied by his wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, and Education Ministry parliamentary secretary Datuk Mahadzir Mohamed Khir, was satisfied with the construction and impressed with the equipment and furniture supplied for each unit.

The company also showed the prime minister samples of desks and chairs made of fibre glass, which were more durable and cheaper, to replace the wooden ones in schools which were more expensive, he said.

However, Dr Mahathir suggested that more small companies be involved in the project.

Dr Mahathir and Dr Siti Hasmah later visited the Traditional Village project site in Jalan Sintok, Mukim Temin, near Jitra, where he spent about 30 minutes inspecting the area and a traditional village house modelled after the Kedah Malay house.

The village, which is being built by Pedoman Semarak Sdn Bhd, a subsidiary of Putrajaya Holdings Sdn Bhd, comprises 191 three-bedroom housing units on a 36ha site.

The project is 30 per cent completed and is scheduled for completion next August.

Dr Mahathir was briefed by Pedoman Semarak project manager Ismail Mohamad and its town and country planning officer, Zalina Zakaria.

The traditional village, aimed at racial integration, is a village-style housing project complete with a mosque, shophouses, market, post office, headman's office, cultural and arts centre and a lake garden.

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