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DR MAHATHIR GIVES WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO NATIONAL GO-KART RACERS

LANGKAWI, Jan 13 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad found time during his tour of development projects here today to give words of encouragement to the national racers taking part in the World Final Rotax Go-Kart Championship at the Morac kart circuit here on Jan 25 and 26.

During his visit to the circuit which is undergoing expansion, the prime minister spent several minutes speaking to Ferhan Fauzy, Raja Razman Raja Idris, Martin Druhan and Rodney Magness.

He is scheduled to flag off the race.

A total of 78 racers from 31 countries have booked tickets to the qualifying round which will be followed by the final. Of the total, 40 racers will take part in the grand final of the championship jointly organised by Mofaz Motorsport, the Langkawi Development Authority (Lada) and Langkawi Motorsport.

Earlier, Dr Mahathir was given a briefing by Mofaz Group chairman Mohamad Fauzy Abdul Hamid on the RM3 million project to extend the circuit from 990m to 1,230m and to build another grandstand which can accommodate 600 spectators.

Dr Mahathir, accompanied by Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, later visited the crocodile farm in Datai Bay before inspecting the project to add another 100 rooms and spa facilities to the Berjaya Langkawi Beach and Spa Resort in Burau Bay.

He also inspected the progress of the cable car project in Burau Bay.

Speaking to reporters later, Dr Mahathir, who is on the second day of his visit to inspect development projects on the island, said he was satisfied with the progress of the various projects, especially the cable car project which he said would attract more tourists to the resort island because of the fantastic view from the top of Gunung Machinchang.

The RM45 million project is 70 per cent completed. It is a joint venture between Dopple-Mayer of Austria and a local company.

Scheduled to begin operation in April next year, it links the Oriental Village integrated shopping complex to the 700m high Gunung Machinchang.

Dr Mahathir returned to Kuala Lumpur this afternoon.

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