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KUBANG PASU HAS POTENTIALS FOR TOURISM, SAYS DR MAHATHIR

JITRA, Dec 21 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today Kubang Pasu district has the potentials to be developed as a tourist destination

He said the district, which had not drawn the attention of tourists previously, would have a facelift with the creation of several tourism products.

The Lye Huat Bonsai and Rock Garden at Napoh, near here, would be among the new attractions for the tourism sector in the district, he said when opening the garden today.

He believed the garden, which puts on display various types of rocks and bonsai plants, would attract tourists especially from China.

Dr Mahathir, who is also the member of parliament for Kubang Pasu, said besides the bonsai and rock garden, the district was also famous for the mushroom industry for medicinal purposes.

"The Chinese people also like it (mushroom) very much for medicinal purposes," he said.

He also praised the operator of the garden and other entrepreneurs who were venturing in activities that could attract tourists to Kubang Pasu.

Earlier, the owner and manager of the garden, Lim Lye Huat said the project was the first of its kind in Malaysia which contained a gallery for natural rocks and bonsai, an art gallery, a mini zoo and an aquarium.

He said the garden, covering a 2.4 hectare site, was started 10 years ago and had attracted many visitors particularly from China, Japan, Korea, Indonesia, Thailand, Taiwan and Hong Kong.

Also present at the function were the Prime Minister's wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed Zain and Health Minister Datuk Chua Jui Meng.

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