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Cable Car (With pix)

LANGKAWI CABLE CAR SERVICE IN NOVEMBER

LANGKAWI, Sept 22 (Bernama) -- Visitors to Langkawi can experience memorable adventures in the rich geo-eco environment of the island when the long awaited cable car service begins operations in November.

Project consultant Dr Peter Wyss said an independent tester from Austria had finished conducting trial runs on the cable car.

"We are still waiting for the greenlight from the Department of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH) before we start the service, the latest by November," he told reporters during a tour of the cable car. The tour is part of the three-day "Discover Langkawi" programme organised by the Langkawi Tourist Association for more than 100 local and Singapore travel agents and press people.

There would be three stations for the cable car, one at the top of the hill and the others on the eastern bridge and the Oriental Village -- ground station.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had mooted the idea of the cable car when he flew over Gunung Machinchang in a helicopter during his visit here in 1999.

Dr Wyss said the 35 six-seater cable cars with a maximum capacity to ferry 700 passengers per hour, travelled 70m above the rainforest in the Machinchang Range, which is also rich in geological features.

The RM46million cable car project which links the shopping complex, Oriental Village in Burau Bay, to Gunung Machinchang, is a joint venture project between Dopple-Mayer of Austria and a local company.

He said the distance between the base station and the top of Gunung Machinchang was 2.2km.

The cable car service would be managed by a Lada subsidiary, Langkawi Cable Car Sdn Bhd.

Meanwhile, Langkawi Cable Car Sdn Bhd general manager Teoh Cheng Kung said the return trip from the ground to the top would cost RM15 for adults and RM10 for children.

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