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LANGKAWI IS NOW RENOWNED AS A VENUE FOR INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

LANGKAWI, Jan 27 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today he is satisfied that Langkawi has become well-known as a venue for hosting championships of international standard.

He said that although the Rotax Max Kart and Langkawi Ironman championships were being held here at the same time, the participation was encouraging.

Praised the organisers of the Rotax Max Kart, he said that the crowd was commendable although it would have been better if more had turned up.

"It's great. Very thrilling and the race was very close", he told reporters after presenting prizes to winners of the race at the Morac circuit in Pantai Chenand here.

Claudio Piazza-Musso of South Africa emerged champion in the race in which 34 racers took part.

On the quality of racers in the country, Dr Mahathir said they had to participate in more races before they could start winning.

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