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PAVAROTTI SEES PANGKOR AS A PARADISE

PULAU PANGKOR, Sept 6 (Bernama) -- World-renowned Italian opera star Luciano Pavarotti said he was surprised to see Pulau Pangkor Resort and its newly launched Spa Village which he described as a paradise.

"I am shocked. I was in this paradise before... It's even better now. The spa is a miracle and it shows a message of peace," he said at press conference after the opening ceremony of the Spa Village here today.

The maestro was in Pangkor for the first time in 1994 to perform for the resorts' opening ceremony, since then he had consistently praised the resort and related his positive experience in his books and interviews.

He is here again to perform at a concert at the Pangkor Laut Resort tomorrow, as a part of the inaugural Asian Global Leadership Conference or Pangkor Retreat.

The concert is being held in remembrance of the attacks on the United States on Sept 11 last year. Pavarotti's performance will celebrate the joy of peace and life that symbolizes the conference's theme of renewal.

The concert will be attended by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Pavarotti, who is also the United Nation's Ambassador for Peace, said he was proud to be able to do something for world peace and thanked United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan for giving him the opportunity.

Singing for people, he said, was like giving someone a new lease of life because he created happiness in them "people don't sing during war... they sing only after the war."

However, he said that he would be retiring from the celebrity industry on his birthday in 2005 and start travelling, but did not confirm his decision.

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