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PM opens Bintulu airport today

BINTULU, Wed. - Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will open the new RM385 million Bintulu Airport tomorrow.

The Prime Minister and his entourage will fly here from Kuching. They are expected to touch down at the "mini KLIA" about noon.

The design of the Bintulu Airport, which will be operational in March next year, is similar to the Kuala Lumpur International Airport.

Dr Mahathir will witness the maiden landing of a Boeing 747 here and later declare open the new airport.

Bintulu Airport is one of the most modern airports in East Malaysia. With a 2,750-metre long runway, the longest in Sarawak and Sabah, it can cater to bigger aircraft.

Apart from providing better facilities for travellers, it will also serve the heavy industries and mega projects in and around Bintulu.