

# Dr Mahathir visits Langkawi projects

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LANGKAWI, **Sat.**— Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who will be meeting his Thai counterpart Thaksin Shinawatra tomorrow, arrived here today and spent over five hours visiting various projects in this tourism island.

Dr Mahathir, who arrived at the Langkawi International airport in Padang Matsirat at about 2pm, boarded the RV *Mahsuri* vessel from the Star Cruise jetty in Tanjung Malai.

The Prime Minister, who was accompanied by Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed Zain, Langkawi Member of Parliament Datuk Abu Bakar Taib and Langkawi Development Authority Datuk Anwar Abdul Rahman, sailed in the waters off this island and the nearby Pulau Ansga.

Dr Mahathir then made a brief visit to the prawn and fish cultivation ponds of the Fisheries Development Board (LKIM) in Bukit Malut.

There, he inspected a tiger prawn cultivation project undertaken by Tropic Marine Ventures Sdn Bhd (TMV) through its subsidiary, Sumber Nadi Alam Sdn Bhd.

TMV will be investing about RM20 million over three years to develop the project through a joint venture with LKIM.

The Prime Minister, who drove a four-wheel-drive vehicle, then visited Kuah to inspect the Kuah river beautification project before going to the Galleria Perdana in Kilim, where he spent 30 minutes viewing the construction of two additional blocks at a cost of RM24 million.

The facilities at Galleria Perdana

will showcase gifts and souvenirs presented to the Prime Minister from world leaders.

Dr Mahathir later inspected a five-star hotel project in Tanjung Rhu and then visited the Harbour Park Valley and Marina at Pantai Kok.

The project, a joint venture between Benua Perdana and Lada, will include a marina, a Petronas complex, a Customs complex, a 120-unit condominium complex, and hotels.

Dr Mahathir and Thaksin are scheduled to deliver the keynote addresses at the inaugural Malaysia-Thailand Technology and Business Partnership Dialogue.

They are scheduled to have lunch at the Andaman.

Dr Mahathir is scheduled to hold a meeting with Thaksin at 4pm.