

Exhibition has gone on well, says Mahathir

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LANGKAWI: Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, the architect of the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace exhibition, has expressed satisfaction with the running of Lima 2003 and hoped it would be even better and bigger in 2005.

"I think it has gone on very well. Although the number of companies participating may be a bit less, the quality of the participants is very high," the Prime Minister said.

The exhibitors at this edition of Lima – the seventh in the series which started in 1991 – were "serious exhibitors" and the exhibition this time around saw more than 100 aircraft with some spectacular displays, he said yesterday.

The six-day Lima 2003 is divided into two segments and the exhibition for trade visitors ended yesterday. For today and tomorrow, the show is dedicated to the public.

Dr Mahathir again had an early day. He arrived at the Telaga Harbour Park, which is about 40km from Kuah town,

at 8.15am and had breakfast with national mariner Datuk Azhar Mansor and Langkawi Development Authority (Lada) officials.

He then spent about four hours touring the harbour park, which is modelled to become a small harbour township.

The Prime Minister later went back to the Kampung Tok Senik Resort, where he stayed during his duration here, before going for Friday prayers.

He arrived at the aerospace segment of Lima 2003 at 3.45pm and continued with his tour of the booths at the Mahsuri International Exhi-

bition Centre, before attending an exhibitors signing ceremony for the next edition.

Asked if he would make the rounds to promote Lima 2005, Dr Mahathir quipped to the laughter of those present: "If you want me to speak, then it is fine. But to contribute money, there may be a problem."

His wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali arrived at the exhibition at 10.15am and went around to look at the booths until noon.

Later in the evening, the couple attended a dinner hosted by Lada, at Dataran Lang in Kuah.

