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LIMA BENEFITS COUNTRY'S TOURISM - ABDUL KADIR

LANGKAWI, Sept 30 (Bernama) -- The country's tourism industry has benefited from the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace (LIMA) exhibition, Culture, Arts and Tourism Minister Datuk Paduka Abdul Kadir Sheikh Fadzir said.

"This will increase the number of visitors to our country and we are proud of this development," he said after the launch of the maritime segment by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at the Awana Porto Malai here today.

Also present was Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah of Brunei, Defence Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak and Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed Zain.

Abdul Kadir said many foreign tourists came to Malaysia to participate in and visit LIMA, and he welcomed Najib's announcement that LIMA would be continued even after Dr Mahathir retired.

"I am happy with the announcement that LIMA will continue to be held for the benefit of Malaysia," he said.

More than 200 companies are taking part in the maritime segment, which will be open to the public on Saturday and Sunday.

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