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PUTRAJAYA, June 25 (Bernama) -- The Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC) secretary-general Dr Abdelouahed Belkeziz today toured the Putrajaya Convention Centre (PCC), the venue of the 10th OIC summit in October.

He spent about an hour visiting the various facilities at the RM650 million PCC located at Putrajaya's Precinct 5.

The OIC head arrived here yesterday and will be in the country until Saturday.

The summit's secretariat chief Datuk Mohamed Yusof Ahmad told reporters later that Dr Belkeziz was impressed with the centre which is inspired by the Malay silver belt buckle.

"He is satisfied. He was here for the Non-Aligned Movement Summit before and had seen our capability in hosting that meeting.

"And he is confident that we'll be able to do even better for the OIC summit," he said.

The PCC was handed over to the government on June 9 by its developer, Putrajaya Holdings Bhd.

Dr Belkeziz is scheduled to call on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad tomorrow. He will also meet Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar at Wisma Putra.

The Marrakech-born Dr Belkeziz was appointed OIC secretary-general in 2001.

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