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PUTRAJAYA READY TO HOST INTERNATIONAL EVENTS, SAYS PM

PUTRAJAYA, Feb 6 (Bernama) -- Putrajaya is well qualified and able to host the forthcoming Asian Canoe Championship 2005, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

He said that with the high quality facilities that Putrajaya has to offer and Malaysia's extensive experience in hosting international sporting events such as the World Cup Golf Championship, Formula One, and the Commonwealth Games, Putrajaya would also be able to host the Asian Canoe Championship.

"With its international standard facilities, strategic location and infrastructure, Putrajaya Lake has become a premier watersport venue in Malaysia," he said in his message in the souvenir book of the International Invitational Canoe Competition 2003.

The Prime Minister launched the competition at the Putrajaya Lake here today.

Dr Mahathir said that Putrajaya has a promising future to be an international championship venue given the commitment of the Malaysian government to enhance the present facilities to Olympic standard.

He said that the International Invitational Canoe Competition was the first international event to be held at the lake.

Competitors from 15 countries including China, Japan, Uzbekistan and Poland are participating in the three-day event.

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