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PUTRAJAYA SHANGRI-LA OFFICIALLY OPENS

PUTRAJAYA, Feb 4 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad tonight officially opened the Putrajaya Shangri-la which is located on a green hilltop enclave overlooking the heart of the new Central Government Administrative Centre, here.

Dr Mahathir, who was accompanied by his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, arrived at the hotel at 8.35pm.

With its hotel in-a-park concept, Putrajaya Shangri-la provides 118 luxurious guest rooms each displaying its own distinct nature theme.

Perbadanan Putrajaya president Tan Sri Azizan Zainul Abidin, in his speech, said the hotel was built to fill an important gap in the facilities that were expected of a dynamic city and the Central Government Administrative Centre.

"Today, with the opening of this hotel, Putrajaya will acquire a new image and a more conducive environment has been created for the development of the city," he said.

Also present were Culture, Arts and Tourism Minister Datuk Paduka Abdul Kadir Sheikh Fadzir, Senate President Tan Sri Michael Chen and Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor.

Prime minister left at about 10.45 pm.

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