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TIOMAN'S DEVELOPMENT SHOULD BE BASED ON ITS OWN POTENTIAL- DR M

TIOMAN, May 19 (Bernama) -- Former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today the development of the duty-free island of Tioman should be based on its own potential without comparing it to Langkawi's development.

Dr Mahathir, who is also Adviser to the Tioman Development Authority (TDA) said development on Tioman would surely be different from that on Langkawi because of their different characteristics.

"Tioman is different from Langkawi, there are not many people, the type of development also differs, the Pahang Government should determine the type of development for Tioman which has deficiencies such as water supply shortage and lack of land for development," said Dr Mahathir who has been here for the past two days.

He said Tioman's development should retain its natural features.

Development on Tioman could not be carried out on a coordinated basis because of the hill country and lack of land near the beach, Dr Mahathir said.

Dr Mahathir accompanied by Pahang Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob inspected the construction work on the Marina at Kampung Tekek yesterday and today together with State Executive Councillor for Culture, Arts and Tourism Datuk Maznah Mazlan visited Kampung Salang and the Marine Park at Kampung Air Hantu.

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