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IF WE CAN'T GO TO ANTARCTICA, WE MUST BRING ANTARCTICA TO US - DR M

LANGKAWI, May 28 (Bernama) -- Antarctica must be brought to Malaysia if Malaysians are unable to go to the icy continent in the south pole, former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

Praising the Underwater World for setting up a gallery for cold climate animals, he said not everyone could afford to tour Antarctica to view animals like penguins.

He was speaking at the opening of a new wing of the Underwater World at Pantai Chenang here.

The new wing also has a gallery for tropical animals like the giant Amazon Anaconda besides a three-dimensional viewing theatre which can accommodate 200 people.

Speaking to reporters later, Dr Mahathir said plans were ahead to build a Siamese cultural village in Pasir Hitam.

The village would have hotels, water recreation park in Lubuk Semilang, near the book village, and other tourism infrastructures, he added.

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