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

LANGKAWI, May 28 (Bernama) -- Antartica must be brought to us if we are not able to go there, former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad today said when opening a new wing to the Underwater World at Pantai Chenang here today.

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

The new wing also holds galleries for tropical animals, among them the giant Amazon anaconda, besides a three-dimensional viewing theatre that can sit 200 people.

He later told reporters that plans were also afoot to build a Siamese cultural village in Pasir Hitam which would have hotels and other infrastructure and a water recreation park in Lubuk Semilang, near the existing book village.

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