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Dr M opens nation's highest waterfall

LANGKAWI, Sun. - A man-made waterfall that cascades down three levels from a height of 67m was opened by former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad today.

Called "The Langkawi Waterfall", the structure was designed and built by Gerbang Perdana Sdn Bhd and cost RM3 million. It is situated at Km8 of Jalan Teluk Datai.

"I hope this waterfall will beautify an already lovely island," said Dr Mahathir.

Present were Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, state leaders and Gerbang Perdana chairman Tan Sri Razali Ismail.

The Langkawi Waterfall was today declared the highest man-made waterfall in the country by the Malaysian Book of Records as it surpasses that of Taman Gunung Lang in Ipoh which stands 44.47 metres high.

Work on the waterfall, ponds and the landscaping began in August last year and was completed last month.

The waterfall is also unique because it flows over a 50-metre road cave tunnel.