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PM happy with progress of projects in Langkawi

LANGKAWI, Sun. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has expressed satisfaction with the progress of several development and tourism projects on the island.

Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed Zain said Dr Mahathir, who ended a two-day visit to the island today, was happy as all projects were expected to be completed on schedule.

Yesterday, Dr Mahathir inspected the RM20 million Harbour Park project at Pantai Kok, which comprises a park, a marina and berthing facilities for 100 sailboats and yachts.

Syed Razak said: "The work is centred on deepening the lagoon and we expect the marina to be open by April."

He said Dr Mahathir also inspected the construction of two blocks of buildings at Galeria Perdana in Kilim.

He said the RM24 million project, which is due to be completed in April, would enable another 8,000 souvenirs to be displayed.

Dr Mahathir also visited the Gunung Machinchang cable car project yesterday, where he was briefed on a plan to build a RM2 million suspension bridge. He also went to Sungai Kilim, where a project to rehabilitate a mangrove area is under way.

Syed Razak said a new coastal road was also being built to link Kuala Kedah to Kepala Batas in Penang. A consultant will be engaged soon to carry out a feasibility study. The Federal Government had approved a RM2 million grant for the study, he said.

Syed Razak said the State Government was also planning to build a bridge from Seberang Kota to Seberang Nyonya in Kuala Kedah.