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## Snippets

\* TONGKAT Ali products seemed to be popular among foreign delegates visiting one of the OIC Expo booths. Claimed to be an aphrodisiac, these delegates especially the men were most interested to know the 'power' behind the tropical roots.

\* DUE to limited departures from the Putrajaya Convention Centre (PCC) to the nearby OIC Expo site and vice versa, some people have to walk down the zig-zag path of the hilltop complex under extreme heat. Some delegates and visitors spoke of the idea of introducing a cable car link between the two spots.

\* THOSE who attended the launching ceremony of a book on Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at PCC were stumped when a video clip on the Prime Minister was muted for a few minutes. A technical staff later placed a microphone next to the small speakers of the portable screen but the sound was so soft that only part of the video presentation could be heard. "I wonder how this could have happened when we have all the latest equipment," commented an official.

\* NO more hungry days for vegetarians working round-the-clock at the PCC. As of yesterday, the caterer had provided sumptuous vegetarian lunches and dinners. For those missing home-cooked food, side dishes such as sambal belacan and salted fish were also served.

\* BOSNIA and Herzegovina ambassador to Malaysia Hajrudin Somun has become an instant celebrity after launching his own book "Bosnia Today" and "Mahathir, The Malaysian Success" at the PCC yesterday. He was swarmed by delegates and journalists requesting for his autograph.

\* AFTER days of being hounded for his views and getting him to reveal details of discussions in closed-door meetings, it was a reverse scenario yesterday when a Ugandan delegate approached a journalist and asked in jest, "When I couldn't disclose much, you were vigorously tracking me down, now that I'm more than willing to talk, why are you nowhere in sight."

\* NOTING the marble flooring that paves the concourse area of the convention centre is impeccably clean and waxy, a secretariat member in rocket stilettos, treaded carefully to avoid slipping. Having breezed through the "challenge" there, she "succumbed" as she stepped onto the green lung.

\* A PANELIST slated to appear live on RTM's forum in conjunction with the OIC Summit at the Putrajaya Convention Centre went to Angkasapuri by mistake as he had the impression that the programme would be broadcast from there. The show host and another panelist were in a state of disbelief as to how such a blunder could have occurred.