

PM: BATTERSEA PROJECT IMPRESSIVE

Dr M says nation can be proud of largest Malaysian investment in the UK

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PRIME Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad has expressed delight with the development of the Battersea Power Station project after he was taken on a tour of the iconic site — the largest Malaysian investment in the United Kingdom.

"Fantastic, I didn't expect this. For Malaysia to do this, I think it is something that we can be proud of," Dr Mahathir said after he was taken to the Scott Penthouse for a breathtaking view of the project and riverside.

He could not resist taking a selfie with the four chimneys of the iconic building under construction in the background.

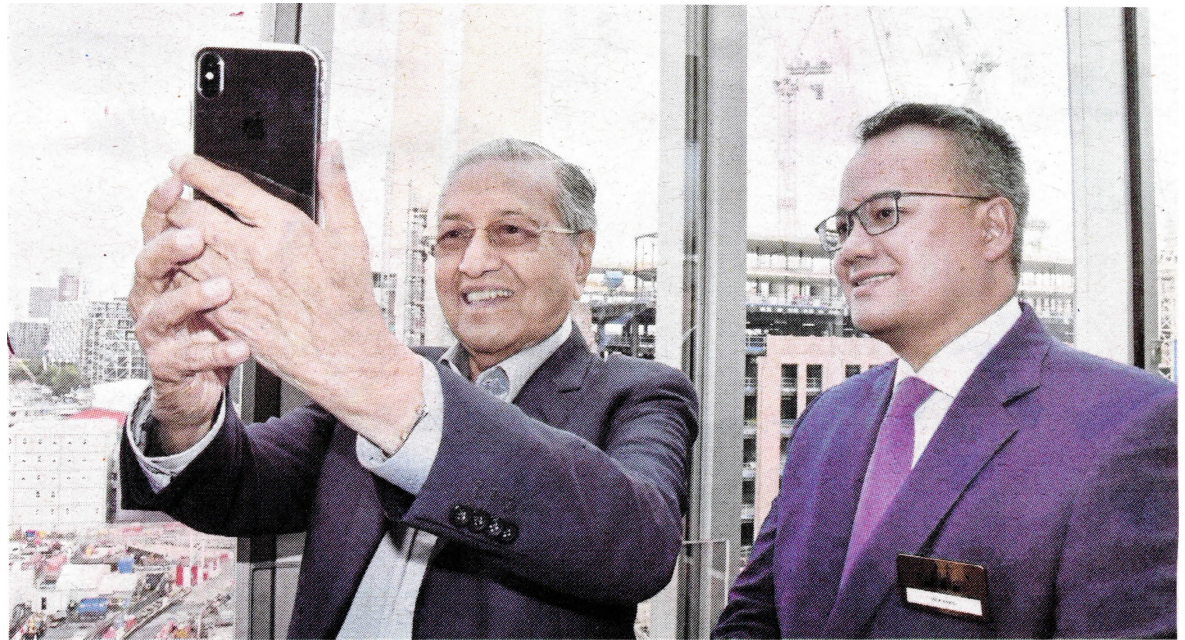
Although most of the planned programme for him was cancelled because of the rain, he seemed impressed by what he saw.

It was Dr Mahathir's first visit to the site of the development by a Malaysian consortium since becoming prime minister in May last year.

He made the one-and-a-half hour visit during his two-day working trip here after attending the 74th session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York, the United States.

Dr Mahathir was accompanied by Foreign Minister Datuk Saifuddin Abdullah and Malaysian High Commissioner to the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland Datuk Mohamad Sadik Kethergany.

He attended a presentation by Rick Ramli, executive vice-pres-



Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad taking a selfie from the Scott Penthouse during his visit to the Battersea Power Station project site in London yesterday. PIC COURTESY OF WISMA PUTRA

ident, property/real estate, Permodalan Nasional Bhd (PNB); Aziz Anuar, senior vice-president, corporate affairs and communications, PNB; Datuk Ahmad Pardas Senin, chairman of BPHCL; Datuk Wong Tuck Wai, chairman of BPSDC; Datuk Wan Hashimi Wan Ahmad Amin Jafri, acting group chief executive officer (CEO) of Sime Darby Property; Datuk Khor Chap Jen, Director of BPHCL/CEO of SP Setia Bhd; Simon Murphy, CEO of BPSDC; and Datuk Mohamad Nasir Ab Latif, Employees Provident Fund (EPF) deputy chief executive officer (investment).

The Battersea Power Station development is owned by a consortium of Malaysian investors that comprises SP Setia, Sime Darby Property and EPF, while

the commercial assets within the Power Station building are directly owned by PNB and EPF.

Managing the development of the project is British-based Battersea Power Station Development Company. The project covers 17ha of mixed commercial space with 4,239 new homes.

Circus West Village is the first phase of the development that opened to the public and residents in 2017 and forms the heart of the neighbourhood, providing a mix of new shops and restaurants, and ongoing events that have been enjoyed by more than two million people so far.

Dr Mahathir signed a plaque to commemorate his visit to the Battersea Power Station project site.

Speaking to Malaysian journal-

ists after the event, Ramli said Dr Mahathir showed great interest in the overall development.

"He was interested in the different components, what makes this development unique compared with other developments and more importantly, how has Malaysia benefited and contributed to this project.

"In 2021, when we complete this development and the Malaysia Square is completed we would be honoured to have him officiate the square."

With Phase One completed, Phase Two is expected to be completed in the summer of 2021, which includes development in the power station.

Parts of Phase Three are expected to be delivered progressively from the summer of 2021.