



GOING FOR A THRILL: Visitors queuing for the cable car ride on Thursday. — Bernama picture

Langkawi cable car thrills locals, tourists

LANGKAWI, Sun. — Thousands of people, including foreign tourists, had a free ride in the Langkawi cable car linking the Oriental Village in Burau Bay to Gunung Machinchang since its soft launch on Thursday.

Langkawi Cable Car Sdn Bhd general manager Teoh Cheng Kung said more than 10,000 visitors had tried out the service.

The system is expected to be fully operational next month, he said.

A return trip will cost RM15 for adults and RM10 for children.

The RM46 million cable car system connecting the Oriental Village integrated shopping complex with the 708m-high Gunung Machinchang is a joint venture project between Dopple-Mayer of Austria and a local

company.

Thirty-five gondolas were used to ferry 700 passengers per hour but visitors were not allowed to get down at the second or top stations at Gunung Machinchang.

During the 15-minute journey, passengers will get a breathtaking view of 4,167 hectares of virgin jungles of Machinchang and waterfalls of the legendary Seven Wells.

From the viewing towers at the peak of Gunung Machinchang, visitors can see Thailand.

The distance between the base station at the Oriental Village and the top of Gunung Machinchang is 2.2 kilometres and visitors will travel 70 metres above the jungle. — Bernama