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SHAH ALAM, AUG 23 (BERNAMA) -- THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE \$15.8 MILLION HEADQUARTERS OF THE EDARAN OTOMOBIL NASIONAL SDN BHD (EON) NEAR HERE ON SEPT 1 WILL BE COVERED LIVE BY RADIO TELEVISION MALAYSIA (RTM).

PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD WILL OPEN THE BUILDING, SITED OPPOSITE THE PROTON SAGA PLANT IN JALAN PUCHONG ABOUT 11KM FROM HERE. IT WAS COMPLETED IN A RECORD TIME OF 15 WEEKS.

THE PRIME MINISTER WILL ALSO SIMULTANEOUSLY LAUNCH THE MARKETING OF THE NATIONAL CAR. HE IS EXPECTED TO TAKE DELIVERY OF A PROTON SAGA, WHICH HE BOUGHT FOR HIS WIFE DATUK SERI DATIN PADUKA DR SITI HASMAH, ON THAT DAY.

EON GENERAL MANAGER ENCIK GURCHARAN SINGH, IN A PRE-OPENING BRIEFING TO NEWSMEN AT EON HEADQUARTERS TODAY, SAID ABOUT 5,000 PEOPLE WOULD BE INVITED TO ATTEND THE CEREMONY.

+WE ARE ALSO BRINGING IN PEOPLE FROM ALL STATES WITH THEIR OWN TRADITIONAL WELCOME AND COLOURFUL COSTUMES SUCH AS THE IBANS FROM SARAWAK, AND KADAZANS FROM SABAH,+ HE SAID. -- MORE  
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HE SAID GUESTS WOULD ALSO INCLUDE PERSONALITIES WHO HAD MADE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COUNTRY SUCH AS +BAPA MALAYSIA+ TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN PUTRA AL-HAJ.

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE OCCASION, EON BRANCHES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY WILL HOLD A +HOSPITALITY DAY+. EACH BRANCH WILL HAVE 10 TV SETS INSTALLED TO ENABLE ITS STAFF AND PEOPLE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS TO WATCH THE CEREMONY.

THE DIRECTOR/GENERAL MANAGER OF THE UMW ENGINEERING SDN BHD, WHICH UNDERTOOK THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT, ENCIK KOH MEW SHOON, SAID WORK STARTED IN MARCH THIS YEAR.

A TOTAL OF 600 WORKERS WORKED DAY AND NIGHT TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT IN TIME FOR THE OPENING CEREMONY.

HE SAID THAT APART FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING AND WAREHOUSE, THE PROJECT ALSO INCLUDED A \$1.6 MILLION FLYOVER, 129 METRES LONG AND 5.1 METRES WIDE, LINKING THE EON HEADQUARTERS AND THE NATIONAL CAR PLANT. -- BERNAMA  
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