

Medallion from 'space'

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KUALA LUMPUR, Sat. — A pewter medallion that had been flown into space aboard the space shuttle *Discovery* will be presented to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Mahathir Mohamad on Friday.

The 150gm medallion, specially minted by Selangor Pewter, measures 75mm in diameter.

Veteran astronaut Col. James Buchli, who brought the medallion into space from Sept 12 to 18, will personally present the medallion to Dr Mahathir.

The medallion will be kept by the Science, Technology and Environment Ministry before it is sent to the National Science Centre for permanent display when the building is completed in 1993.

The Ministry, in a statement, said it received the medallion from Selangor Pewter director Mrs M.K. Chen on May 27.

The medallion was later sent to Nasa and taken aboard *Discovery* which was launched on Sept 12 from the Kennedy Space Centre in Florida.

Interesting programmes have been drawn up in conjunction with Col Buchli's visit.

On Friday, Col Buchli will call on Science, Technology and Environment Minister Law Hieng Ding before handing over the medallion to Dr Mahathir.

Other programmes include in-house lectures, public talks and a children's gathering to be held in Kuala Lumpur. Col Ruchli will also visit Penang.