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HOUSE WHERE MAHATHIR WAS BORN TO BE TOURIST ATTRACTION

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ALOR SETAR, March 13⁹² (Bernama) -- The Kedah state government has agreed to the proposal by the Culture, Arts and Tourism Ministry to renovate the house where Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad was born at Seberang Perak, here, and turn it into a tourist attraction.

State Museums Board chairman Datuk Azizan Taib said in a statement today that the project would be undertaken by the National Archives and the state government had approved the acquisition of land around the area for the project.

He also said the State Museums Board, during its meeting here yesterday, had agreed to set up the Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al-haj Memorial here in recognition of the deeds of the nation's first late Prime Minister.

The board had also decided to start imposing entrance charges on visitors to the State Museum, Royal Museum and Balai Seni here.

The amount to be charged and the date of implementation would be decided later, he added.

He said the money collected from the entrance charges would help pay for the rising overhead costs of maintaining the museums and gallery.

Last year, a total of 155,650 people visited the State Museum at Bakar Bata here, 159,934 people, the Royal Museum and 112,171 people, the Balai Seni. -- Bernama

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