

# LNG is fuel of future, says PM

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KUALA LUMPUR: The Government encourages developers to use liquefied natural gas as an energy source in buildings.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said yesterday that LNG, of which Malaysia has vast resources, was a cleaner fuel and its use would benefit the country and its people.

The Prime Minister commended Petronas for using LNG in its future headquarters at the Kuala Lumpur City Centre development project.

"I am proud that Petronas had taken the lead role in this project as it involves the deployment of sophisticated technologies.

"I understand that the masterplan for Petronas' headquarters will introduce a district air-conditioning concept which uses LNG as its fuel," he

said at the launching of the Kuala Lumpur City Centre.

The centre — a city-within-a-city concept — would pioneer the use of district cooling via central gas-powered chillers.

Dr Mahathir hoped the project would set new standards in design, engineering and construction.

He said the centre symbolised the Government's aspiration to make Kuala Lumpur one of the world's major metropolises.

Work on the first phase was scheduled to start at the end of the year.

Located at the former Selangor Turf Club, off Jalan Ampang, the first phase would see the construction of the new Petronas headquarters comprising two 85-storey towers.

Other buildings include a six-storey retail podium, two office complexes and a hotel.