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PETRONAS TWIN TOWERS ARE NOW THE TALLEST IN THE WORLD

KUALA LUMPUR, March 11 (Bernama) -- The PETRONAS Twin Towers here are now the tallest buildings in the world following the installation of their pinnacles.

At 451.9 metres above street level, the Towers surpass Sears Towers in Chicago (currently the tallest building in the world) by 8.9 metres, KLCC (Holdings) Sdn Bhd said in a statement today.

It said even before they were completed, the PETRONAS Twin Towers have been acknowledged by the Council of Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat as the tallest buildings in the world.

PETRONAS Tower Two completed the installation of the pinnacle on March 5 while Tower One on March 11, it added.

The construction of Tower One was undertaken by Mayjaus joint-venture, a consortium led by Hazama Corporation comprising J.A. Jones Construction Co., MMC Engineering Services Sdn Bhd, Ho Hup Construction Co. Bhd and Mitsubishi Corporation.

Tower Two's construction was led by SKJ Joint-venture, a consortium led by Samsung Engineering & Construction Co. Ltd, comprising Kuk Dong Engineering & Construction Co Ltd and Syarikat Jasatera.

The PETRONAS Twin Towers were topped-out on Feb 13 this year by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, a milestone which marked the completion of the superstructures of the 88-storey Twin Towers, KLCC said.

Since then, work had been progressing on the installation of 73.5 metre stainless steel pinacle which is connected to its primary framing at the top of the superstructures at level 88, it said.

It added that the pinnacle would house the aviation lights and had been designed to allow window washing equipment to clean its external facade and the cladding above level 88.

The PETRONAS Twin Towers are owned by Midciti Resources Sdn Bhd. PETRONAS, which will occupy Tower One has more than 75 percent interest in Midciti Resources Sdn Bhd through its direct 51 percent interest in Midciti Resources and its 51 percent interest in KLCC (Holdings) Sdn Bhd which holds the remaining equity of Midciti Resources.

The Towers will be ready for occupancy by end 1996. -- BERNAMA
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