

14 AUG 1996

Lead Cabinet-Tower

PM AND CABINET MINISTERS LUNCH AT KL TOWER

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 14 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his Cabinet Ministers adjourned for lunch at the Seri Angkasa revolving restaurant at the KL Tower here after the Cabinet meeting today.

The lunch was hosted by International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz.

Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali and spouses of the Cabinet Ministers were also present.

The RM270-million KL Tower, owned by Telekom Malaysia Berhad at Bukit Nanas, was opened to the public last month.

Information Minister Datuk Mohamed Rahmat said the Prime Minister would officially open the tower on Oct 1.

Special programmes would be drawn up for the opening ceremony which would be held at night, he told reporters at Angkasapuri.

Mohamed, who is also Chairman of the KL Tower Construction Committee, said the KL Tower was now a major tourist attraction and was popular with both local and foreign tourists.

Some 2,000 people visit the KL Tower daily and the number swells to 5,000 during weekends.

It is the tallest tower in Southeast Asia and the fourth tallest in the world after the ones in Toronto, Moscow and Shanghai.

However it is the second tallest concrete tower in the world after the one in Shanghai which reaches up to 440 metres.

The towers in Toronto and Moscow are made of iron. -- BERNAMA

WE AZZ AAM