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PROPOSED WORLD YOUTH FOUNDATION COMPLEX PROJECT TO COMMENCE IN MAY

MELAKA, March 3 (Bernama) -- The proposed World Youth Foundation (WYF) complex project in Ayer Keroh, near here, is scheduled to commence in the middle of the year.

World Assembly of Youth (WAY) President Datuk Mohamed Ali Rustam said the ground-breaking ceremony would be performed by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in conjunction with his visit to Melaka in May.

"The state government has approved WYF's application for a piece of land for the construction of the complex and it is now awaiting approval for the land premium to be reduced," he told reporters after attending the "Malam Rakan Sumbangsih" function here last night.

He said the complex on a four-hectare site costing about RM50 million would have facilities like a hotel, hostel, conference hall and workshops.

The complex is expected to be completed in 18 months and will be fully ready for use by the end of 1998.

Mohamad Ali said a Unimas lecturer, Prof Dr Ibrahim Mohamad, would be seconded as the complex's chief executive officer and if approved by the relevant authorities Dr Ibrahim would assume duties on April 1.

"Dr Ibrahim was selected for his active involvement in WAY since 1989 and was awarded the Malaysian Prime Minister's Trophy for his contributions in youth development," he said.

The WYF hoped that the complex would help foster relations among countries in the Asian region and Europe and enable it to focus its attention on youth worldwide, he said.

Mohamed Ali said the complex was expected to meet the nation's aspiration to make Malaysia an international youth service centre which could provide effective and comprehensive service. -- Bernama

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