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SPECTACULAR LASER SHOW FOR OPENING OF KL TOWER

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 26 (Bernama) -- A dazzling RM1.2 million show of laser lights, music and fireworks will herald the official launching of Malaysia's newest tourist landmark, the Kuala Lumpur Tower, on Tuesday.

The show will include what is touted to be the world's longest fireworks display which will span the entire height of the tower -- 421 metres.

Mohd Nasir Ithnin, the general manager of Menara Kuala Lumpur Sdn Bhd which manages the tower, told reporters today that the event would be telecast "live" by Radio Televisyen Malaysia.

For the first time in Malaysia, a digitalised transmission of the launch would be available on the Internet.

The fourth tallest communications tower in the world will be officially opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Mohd Ithnin said the show would start as soon as Dr Mahathir cuts a "laser ribbon" to declare the tower open.

"The visual spectacular will be supported by a 30-piece orchestra and a 100-member choir which will sing a theme song composed specially for the tower," he said.

The tower, a joint-venture between Telekom Malaysia Bhd and Germany's Wayss & Freytag AG, has been a hit among local and foreign visitors since it was opened to the public in July.

Mohd Ithnin said plans were afoot to turn the tower into the cultural hub of Kuala Lumpur.

He also said it would be closed to the public this Tuesday for the opening ceremony.

Internet viewing can be accessed through Menara Kuala Lumpur's homepage number <http://live.rtm.net.my/kltower/>. -- BERNAMA

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