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TOURISM MALAYSIA TO HOLD EXHIBITION AT M'SIAN UN PERMANENT MISSION

WASHINGTON, Sept 23 (Bernama) -- The Malaysian Tourism Promotion Board (Tourism Malaysia) in New York is holding a week-long exhibition of Malaysian arts and craft at the Malaysian permanent mission to the United Nations.

The exhibition, scheduled to be opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Wednesday, will feature an extensive collection of handicraft, paintings, jewellery and textiles on loan from Muzium Negara, the vice-president of Tourism Malaysia, Azizah Aziz, said from New York yesterday.

Azizah said the highlight of the exhibition, held for the first time by Tourism Malaysia in New York, would feature a priceless collection of jewellery and clothing ornaments fashioned from gold and gemstones. A songket weaver flown in from Malaysia would be present to demonstrate to the American public the traditional method of weaving the songket fabric.

Azizah said: "Our country is rich in arts. Unfortunately, we're still not exposed. We can promote tourism through arts, culture and tradition."

She added that the exhibition was being held in New York because New York was the centre of arts and "the big name in arts are found in the Big Apple."

Twenty-one contemporary paintings by 10 Malaysian artists will be featured at the exhibition and they include works by Abdul Latiff Mohidin, Chuah Thean Teng, Fatimah Chik and Ibrahim Hussein. -- BERNAMA

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