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Tower

DR MAHATHIR TO LAUNCH ALOR SETAR TOWER THURSDAY

ALOR SETAR, Aug 12 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will launch Menara Alor Setar, a new landmark for Kedah, when he makes a day's working visit to the state on Thursday.

The 165.5m Telekom Malaysia tower, located at Darul Aman road here, is the country's second tallest communications tower, after the Kuala Lumpur Tower.

A Telekom Malaysia statement said today Energy, Telecommunications and Posts Minister Datuk Leo Moggie will also be present.

Work on the tower began in 1994 and it was opened to the public last February.

From the observation area, on level 88, visitors can take in the view of padi fields and the Melaka Straits.

Kedah Menteri Besar Tan Sri Sanusi Junid said Dr Mahathir is also scheduled to visit the Rumah Rakan Kedah in Jalan Sultanah and the state museum's recently completed new premises here.

Dr Mahathir would view the Tangga Kenari-Seribu Tahun project in Gunung Jerai and have lunch with Yan residents, he said.

The Tangga Kenari-Seribu Tahun project is the building of some 10,000 steps from the foothill of Gunung Jerai, at Titi Hayun, Yan, to its peak. Four hundred steps have been built so far.

In the afternoon, Dr Mahathir would visit Kubang Pasu and attend a gathering with residents at the Jitra town hall there. -- BERNAMA

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