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DR MAHATHIR TO OPEN LANGKAWI BOOKS VILLAGE

LANGKAWI, Sept 28 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will open the country's first books village at Lubuk Semilang Ulu Melaka, Langkawi on Dec 3.

The village's management committee chairman Abdul Rahman Ariffin said the launching of the village would be made during the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition 1997 (LIMA '97) from Dec 2-7.

There will be a three-day book bazaar in conjunction with the launching to promote the village.

Abdul Rahman said the bazaar would exhibit local and foreign publications.

The books village idea mooted by Menteri Besar Tan Sri Sanusi Junid will be another tourist attraction for the island resorts.

The Books Village will be one of the 12 in the world, the first in South East Asia and the third in Asia after Miyagawa and Kembuchi in Japan.

Abdul Rahman said the project comprised six buildings which were nearing completion. --BERNAMA

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