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HARRODS TO SET UP DUTY-FREE SHOP AT KLIA

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LONDON, June 6 (Bernama) -- Harrods, the department store for the wealthy, will be opening a duty-free branch at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA), its chairman Mohamed al-Fayed said here today.

Mohamed al-Fayed, who attended a briefing for Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed at the Frazer-Nash Research Ltd, an engineering and electronics research company in Farnborough about 32 miles southwest of here, said his company will also be setting up a signature shop in Kuala Lumpur after the 7,000 sq ft duty-free shop is set up.

Harrods has already set up its first-duty free outlet in Asia at the international airport in Singapore.

Mohamed al-Fayed said Harrods will also help promote Malaysian-made goods in future provided they are of suitable quality.

The setting up of the duty-free outlet at KLIA was at the invitation of the chairman of the airport committee, he added.

Before leaving the research centre, Mohamed al-Fayed said he had ordered his first consignment of the azan clock, an electronically operated call-to-prayer time device for sale at his department store.

The azan clock is a microchip-based clock designed by the F-N research centre which is able to alert Muslims to all the prayer times in the day anywhere in the world.

The centre has also designed a computer-run astronomical calendar which is able to trace the lunar cycle with self-adjusting accuracy for the next 50,000 years which would help resolve uncertainties about crucial dates in the Muslim calendar such as the Ramadhan and the two Id (Hari Raya) festivals.

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