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MAHATHIR'S OFFICE MOVES TO PUTRAJAYA IN OCTOBER NEXT YEAR

PUTRAJAYA, Sept 4 (Bernama) -- The Prime Minister's office will move to Putrajaya, the new federal administrative capital, in October next year.

Perbadanan Putrajaya Planning and Implementation Division director Jebasingam Issace John said the office, which is 30 per cent completed now, will be ready by next year.

Phase 1A of the Putrajaya project is expected to be completed by 1998, he said when briefing a Canadian delegation led by its Secretary of State for Asia Pacific Raymond Chan.

Jebasingam also said 70 per cent of Putrajaya would be served by an integrated public transport system while the remaining 30 per cent by private transport.

He said Putrajaya would be accessible via inter-city networks linking Kuala Lumpur and KL International Airport (KLIA) in Sepang.

He said it would take about 15 minutes to travel between Putrajaya, Kuala Lumpur and KLIA once all the facilities are in place.

On his four-day visit to Malaysia beginning Tuesday, Chan said it was aimed at promoting Canadian capabilities and expertise among Malaysians.

" We will identify specific business and investment opportunities where Canadians and Malaysians can work together," said Chan.

He is heading a 25-member delegation comprising representatives from the bio-technology, telecommunications, transportation, oil and gas, forest management, financial services and education sectors.

This is Chan's fourth visit to Malaysia. His first was in August 1994 soon after assuming the post.

Also present was Canadian High Commissioner to Malaysia Andre S. Simard. -- BERNAMA

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