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New KLSE building to be nucleus of Bukit Kewangan

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. - The new RM138 million Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange building, which was opened tonight by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, marks a major milestone in the history of the exchange.

Designed along neo-classical lines reflecting timelessness and stability, it inspires confidence and reliability in the exchange's continued quest to become a leading bourse in the world.

While the facade of the 16-storey building complex, known as the Exchange Square, evokes the past, the interior has all the functions of an intelligent building featuring high technology systems, the latest telecommunications and other state of the art facilities.

It also houses one of the best specialist libraries on the securities industry, an information gallery with displays designed using the latest multi-media technology and in-house seminar and conference venues.

A unique feature of the building is the amphitheatre with its several cascading water features, traditionally symbolic of money or the source of funds. Within the amphitheatre is a specially commissioned sculpture of a bull and bear, the most widely known icons of the stock market.

Situated in an area designated as Bukit Kewangan, the new KLSE building is poised to become the nucleus of this financial centre as the Government has alienated the land bank in the area for the construction of premises of major financial institutions.

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