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PERAK WANTS TO KEEP SOUVENIRS FOR PUBLIC SHOW

IPOH, Aug 11 (Bernama) -- The Perak state government will exhibit all the souvenirs received by its menteris besar at the Menteri Besar Souvenir Collection Exhibition Hall to be set up at the Pasir Salak Historical Complex.

Menteri Besar Tan Sri Ramli Ngah Talib said the state government would retrieve all the souvenirs and mementos that had been received by all former menteris besar.

"We will ask their families to surrender all the expensive souvenirs, that are still in good condition, for public display," he said after presenting the State Secretariat excellent service awards for 1996 here.

Ramli said the souvenirs would be handed over to the Perak Foundation co-ordinator who would be responsible for their display at the hall which was still in designing stage.

He said this in response to the weekend statement by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad that all high ranking politicians and public servants surrender their souvenirs and valuable gifts to the treasury.

Ramli, who agreed with Dr Mahathir, said the state government would issue directive on the matter to politicians and the government officers.

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