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Petronas-Towers

PETRONAS TO MOVE INTO WORLD'S TALLEST BUILDINGS ON MONDAY

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 24 (Bernama) -- A total of 166 Petronas employees will become the first batch of occupants of the Petronas Twin Towers, the world's tallest buildings, when they move in and work there from Monday onwards.

They are a section of the 5,000-odd Petronas employees from the Klang Valley, who will occupy the entire Menara Satu (Tower One), in stages and the move-in exercise was expected to be completed by August.

The two 88-storey, Petronas Twin Towers, with a height of 451.9 metres from street level are within the Kuala Lumpur City Centre (KLCC) which is being developed and form part of the Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC).

The buildings are higher by 8.9 metres than the Sears Towers in Chicago, United States, which were previously the world's tallest buildings.

Petronas, in a statement replying to Bernama's questions, said the 166 Petronas employees would arrive at the tower from their present office in Dayabumi complex in five buses on Monday morning.

The doa selamat would be read at the entrance of the building before they move into the 15th and 16th floors.

The breaking of the fast and the reading of the "Yasin" and "Sembahyang Sunat Taraweh" will be held at the temporary surau on the 10th floor of Menara Satu.

Files, documents and office equipment for the first batch of staff were taken to the building today.

The twin-towers' structural works were completed at the end of last year -- some four years after the project was launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Sept 15, 1992.

The two buildings, Menara Satu and Menara Dua, are linked by a sky bridge on the 41st and 42nd floors. Each tower has 29 double deck high speed passenger lifts.

Petronas said the other staff would move into the floors from ground level to the top from April onwards as partitioning and furnishing works were still in progress.

Staff who will move into the towers are those from the Dayabumi Complex in Jalan Sultan Hishamuddin, Faber Towers, Jalan Klang Lama, those at the Empire Tower, Jalan Tun Razak and from Wisma Peladang, Jalan Bukit Bintang.

The bulk of them are from the Dayabumi Complex.

The statement declined to say who will occupy the topmost floors of the towers.

The twin towers are expected to be officially opened at the end of this year. -- Bernama

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