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PM to open photo exhibition on island's growth

LANGKAWI, Sun. - Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will open the New Straits Times-Lada photo exhibition on Langkawi's development tomorrow.

The Prime Minister is scheduled to arrive at 5.20pm for the opening ceremony at the foyer of the Langkawi Development Authority complex in Kuah.

Among those invited to the function are Lada's co-chairman Tun Daim Zainuddin, Kedah Menteri Besar Tan Sri Sanusi Junid, Ministers, Deputy Ministers, Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Abdul Halim Ali, MPs and State executive councillors.

The exhibition, the first of its kind on Langkawi's development, is held in conjunction with the island's 10th year of duty free status.

The exhibition will be on until Aug 6 and is open to the public daily from 9am to 9pm. Entrance is free.

It will feature about 120 photographs, newspaper cuttings and cartoons depicting the island's development since 1940s. Many of the pictures, taken by NST photographers, have never been published in any newspapers or magazines before.

The exhibition follows the success of the NST nationwide roadshow held in conjunction with Umno's 50-year struggle.

The first one was held at the Putra World Trade Centre during the party assembly in October last year.

The NST is organising the exhibition with Lada to highlight Langkawi's prominence as a growth centre where the Government, the private sector and the people have come together to help make the island a world destination.

Lucky visitors to the exhibition will receive hampers and many other prizes.

Sponsors are the Metro Giant group, Amanah Saham Anak Langkawi, Canon Marketing Malaysia Sdn Bhd, Le Proton Exhibitions, Huswah Exhibition Sdn Bhd, Sheraton Perdana, Hotel Central, Pelangi Beach Resort, Burau Bay Resort, City Bay View, Jetty Point Shopping complex and Lada Langkawi Holdings.

The Police, Customs and Excise, the District Council, the district office and Tenaga Nasional Berhad are among those who co-operated in organising the exhibition.

At a simple ceremony at the Lada office yesterday, the authority's public relations officer Mohd Hatta Said handed over Lada's pledge of RM15,000 for the exhibition to NST executive photographer Anuar Hashim.

Set up in 1990 under the Finance Ministry, Lada's objective is to develop Langkawi as a tourist centre.

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