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DR MAHATHIR TO LAUNCH JB DUTY FREE COMPLEX ON SATURDAY

JOHOR BAHRU, April 13 (Bernama) -- The Johor Baharu Duty Free Complex, one of the largest duty free complexes in the region, will be officially launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, here, on Saturday.

The complex on a 6.8 hectare site is situated in Jalan Ibrahim fronting the Senoko Power Station in Singapore.

The complex which offers one-stop duty free shopping, dining and entertainment, transportation, accomodation and convention facilities, was developed by Kelana Megah Sdn Bhd, a member of Sriwani Holdings Bhd, the listed diversified company engaged in tourism-related activities.

A statement issued here today said that the complex has a shopping podium comprising four levels and a basement totalling over 30,000 sq meters of retail space and more than 180 boutique shoplots.

The Eden Garden Hotel, an integral part of the complex, is the only hotel here with direct sea-front view while the JB Expo Centre is equipped with state-of-the-art electronic, lighting, sound and projection systems which could accomodate up to 5,000 people.

The grand ballroom, the largest column-free ballroom in southern peninsula could hold functions for up to 1,000 people while the two multi-level auditoriums could seat 80 and 250 people respectively.

It said another integral component of the complex is the Johor Baharu International Ferry Terminal, fully equipped with modern facilities with ferry services to Tanah Merah in Singapore, Batam dan Bintan Islands in Indonesia and Tanjung Belungkor, near Desaru.

The terminal also has direct links to numerous regional passenger seaports in the Riau Archipelago, Tioman and Sibul Islands.

The statement said the international ferry terminal has four berthing slots and a capacity to handle up to eight ferry arrivals per hour. --

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