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Glittering ceremony to mark event

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. - Four years and eight months after construction work first began, the Kuala Lumpur International Airport in Sepang will be officially opened by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar in a glittering ceremony tomorrow night.

However, the commercial operations will not begin until the early morning of next Tuesday.

Present at the opening ceremony will be about 1,400 guests including Cabinet members and members of the diplomatic corps.

The festivities are scheduled to kick off at 8.45pm with the arrival of the King and Queen, and will be televised live over RTM 1.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik will speak at the ceremony.

Officials from Malaysia Airports Berhad said only invited guests with special car stickers and passes would be allowed in.

It is understood that the night's events will reflect both Malaysia's cultural identity and its high-tech aspirations, two factors also reflected in KLIA's architectural design.

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