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JPM'S STAFF MOVING TO PUTRAJAYA IN APRIL

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 16 (Bernama) -- Staff of the Prime Minister's Department (JPM) will move in stages to the new administrative centre in Putra beginning in April next year, said Second Finance Minister Datuk Mustapa Mohamed today.

He said the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad was expected to move into his new office and official residence soon after.

The prime minister's official residence complex is part of the first package to be completed next year.

Speaking to reporters after presenting prizes for the savings incentive scheme for students and schools in 1997, he said the JPM staff was supposed to move in last month but there was delay in the project.

Putrajaya, the new administrative centre of the federal government, covers an area of 4,581 hectares in the Mutlimedia Super Corridor.

On savings among Malaysians, Mustapa said there were rooms for improvement as it came to only about 40 per cent of the Gross National Product (GNP) as against investment of 45 per cent.

He said people should spend wisely and save some even during the economic downturn.

Bank Simpanan Nasional (BSN) chairman Datuk Ahmad Zahid Hamidi in his speech said the bank's depositors had reached 10 million with total savings amounting to RM6.08 billion.

He said 1.4 million of the depositors were between seven and 20 years old with RM300 million in savings.

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