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MOSQUE IN THE PARK CONCEPT FOR "MASJID BUKIT AMAN"

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 6 (Bernama) -- Located near the lush green surrounding of the Taman Tasik Perdana, the newly-completed Bukit Aman Mosque at the federal police headquarters, here, exhibits its own uniqueness.

Apart from having the "mosque in the park concept", the three-storey mosque which can accommodate 2,000 people has a dome constructed without walls which looks like a mushroom.

The dome measures 40.5m by 15m and is said to be the biggest in the country.

Kuala Lumpur CPO Datuk Kamaruddin Md Ali, who is the Bukit Aman Mosque construction committee chairman, said the mosque's other attraction was the one-tonne crystal chandelier.

Located right in the middle of the dome, the chandelier functions as a sound reflector which has the same effect as that given by the loudspeaker.

Located in the compound of the sprawling police headquarters complex, the RM8.3 million mosque will be opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad tomorrow.

Kamaruddin said the idea to build the mosque was mooted by senior police officers including the then Deputy Inspector General of Police Tan Sri Samsuri Arshad three years ago.

They were attending a breaking of the fast function at the old Bukit Aman surau and realised the need for a new surau to be built to replace the dilapidated structure.

The idea was brought to the attention of the Inspector General of Police Tan Sri Abdul Rahim Noor who later submitted the proposal to Dr Mahathir who is also the Home Minister, in June 1995.

The Prime Minister gave his greenlight and even accorded the mosque its name.

Work on the project took off in January 1996.

The mosque is opened to the public.

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