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Crossing

PRIME MINISTERS OF MALAYSIA AND SINGAPORE TO OPEN SECOND LINK

SINGAPORE, April 11 (Bernama) -- The Prime Ministers of Malaysia and Singapore will both sign a commemorative plaque and jointly cut a ribbon to signify the official opening of the Malaysia-Singapore Second Crossing on April 18.

The Ministry of National Development said here today that Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad would officially open the Second Crossing linking Tuas in Singapore and Tanjung Kupang in Johor at a joint ceremony at 9.30am.

Some 150 guests from Singapore and a similar number from Malaysia are expected to attend the ceremony.

It said Singapore Ministers attending the event are Minister for National Development Lim Hng Kiang, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Law Prof S.Jayakumar and Minister for Communications Mah Bow Tan.

It said all roads leading to the Tuas checkpoint complex would be fully closed to traffic from 6am to 2pm on that day and during this period, motorists going to Johor and coming into Singapore via Johor will have to use the Causeway.

The 1.9-km bridge linking Tuas and Tanjung Kupang, the second link between the two countries after the Causeway, was opened to traffic on Jan 2, this year.

Meanwhile in KUALA LUMPUR, the Works Ministry's press liaison officer, Aziman Hassan, said in a statement that stretches of the crossing would be partly closed in stages for a week from Monday for preparations to be made for the official opening.

He said that the closure of the affected stretches would be from 1pm to 6am the following day.

On the day of the official opening, the crossing would be closed to all traffic from 6am until 2pm, he said.

Aziman said that from 2pm on that day, the crossing would again be partly closed in stretches until 3pm the following day when it would be fully opened to all traffic. -- BERNAMA

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