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Artistes to perform at Bukit Jalil launch of Centennial

KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. - Popular artistes like Siti Nurhaliza and Noraniza Idris will perform at the launching of Malaysia's Centennial Towards a New Millennium programme at Stadium Nasional in Bukit Jalil on Aug 30.

Groups slated for the launch include Indigo and KRU while veteran singers M. Daud Kilau and Jefri Din will also be performing.

KRU Motion Pictures Sdn Bhd acting managing director Norman Abdul Halim confirmed this today after signing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Culture, Arts and Tourism here.

Under the MoU, KRU Motion Pictures has been appointed as the entertainment event manager for the launch.

Norman said that newcomer Juliana Banos will also be performing.

"We will be finalising the artistes and groups later," said Norman.

He added that KRU Motion Pictures would provide hi-tech equipment worth RM5 million for the launching.

"The stage will be of a futuristic design and we will have pyrotechnics and fireworks," said Norman.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will officially launch Malaysia's Centennial which will go on until Aug 31, 2001.

Dr Mahathir is also expected to launch a time chip at the ceremony, containing a message from him to the future generation.

The time chip, to be kept in a place to be identified later, will be opened on Aug 30, 2099.

Several major events are being lined up for Malaysia's Centennial for the next two years.

Some of the events for next year are the National Tourism Summit, Expo Malaysia, Malaysian Heritage and Culture Festival, Le Tour de Langkawi and National Water Fest.

The ministry's deputy secretary-general Datuk Tengku Alaudin Tengku Abdul Majid said that the objectives of Malaysia's Centennial were to instil awareness of and love for the nation among its people; increase the awareness and attention of the world at large towards Malaysia's achievements and to stimulate the world community's interest to visit Malaysia while advancing the nation's tourism industry.

The other objective is to attract 6.7 million foreign tourists next year and earn revenue of about RM15.7 billion.

Entrance for the launching is free.

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