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Centennial celebrations to remind people of successes

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. - The objective of Malaysia's Centennial Towards a New Millennium celebrations is to remind Malaysians of the past achievements and successes of the people and nation.

Ministry of Culture, Arts and Tourism deputy secretary-general Tengku Datuk Alauddin Tenku Abdul Majid said Malaysia's success was not achieved overnight. It took many years of planning and work.

"We want the new generation to know what our fathers and grandfathers have done to achieve the country's success," he said.

The centennial celebrations will be launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at Bukit Jalil at 10pm on Monday.

The celebrations will be for two years, beginning Sept 1 until Aug 31, 2001.

He said Malaysia today is a progressive nation which is ready to stride forward into the new millennium and face the challenges ahead.

"The key to this success is because we have the spirit of compromise, mutual respect, understanding and appreciation for each other's culture.

"We hope this will continue with the next generation."

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