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NATIONAL SCIENCE CENTRE TO BE MADE A TOURIST DESTINATION

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 2 (Bernama) -- Plans are afoot to make the National Science Centre (NSC) a tourist destination, Science, Technology and Environment Minister Datuk Law Hieng Ding said today.

He said his ministry and the Culture, Arts and Tourism Ministry would collaborate in this endeavour.

The NSC would be promoted as a centre with various collections and artifacts related to the development of science and technology in the country, he told a news conference after presenting the ministry's quality awards, here.

Brochures on the centre would be included in the tourism brochures, he added.

The NSC was opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Nov 29, 1996. Among other things, it has a two-level exhibition gallery, a multimedia centre, general science laboratory, three workshops and an auditorium.

Commenting on claims that the allocation for environmental preservation had been reduced in next year's budget, Law said the people had misunderstood the matter.

He said allocation for environmental preservation in the 1999 budget was only RM11 million of the RM260 million for the ministry but the amount for the purpose in the 2000 budget was RM15 million which was actually an increase of RM4 million.

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