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NATIONAL THEATRE TO HOLD TWO-DAY TRIAL SHOW

KUALA LUMPUR, July 6 (Bernama) -- The National Theatre will hold a trial show this week in preparation for its first stage performance at its new premises in September.

Culture, Arts and Tourism Ministry parliamentary secretary Datuk Mohd Noh Rajab said the two-day performance from Friday by the National Orchestra Symphony was to test the new theatre's stage readiness and mechanisms.

The new RM210 million National Theatre is located on a 5.44 ha site at the Jalan Tun Razak-Jalan Kuantan junction here and is 97 per cent completed.

Speaking to reporters after visiting it, Mohd Noh said the theatre has been ranked among the world's 10 most modern theatres and was on par with London's Royal Albert Hall.

It would allocate 200 days a year for musical, theatre and dance performances, he said. The new theatre replaces the former national theatre located at the Kompleks Budaya Negara in Jalan Tun Ismail here.

It will be opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in September.

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