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Pupils, staff all excited over PM's visit

BANDAR BARU SERTING (JEMPOL), Tues. - Teachers, staff and pupils of Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Felda Bandar Baru Serting are all excited over the official opening of their school by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Friday.

A visit by the New Straits Times today to the school, which is among the 40 premier schools in the country, saw pupils and workers sprucing up the compound and buildings.

Pupils were also painting murals on a wall.

Principal Khadijah Hamzah said they were pleased to welcome the Prime Minister to open the school which has 1,762 pupils and 109 staff, including 93 teachers.

"It is indeed a very special occasion for us," she said.

Prior to the launch, Dr Mahathir will attend a meet-the-people session on the school field which will be part of his two-day official visit to Negri Sembilan starting Thursday.

On the first day, he will attend a gathering-cum-dialogue with civil servants and State development officers at the Seremban Municipal Council hall.

In the afternoon, Dr Mahathir will officiate at a foundation stone laying ceremony of Sekolah Menengah Agama Kuala Pilah in Selaru before attending a State Barisan Nasional dinner on the Negri Sembilan Padang in Seremban.

The dinner, to be attended by 22,250 people, is expected to be registered as the world's biggest dinner and entered into the "Guinness Book of Records" and "Malaysian Book of Records".

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