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WORLD'S FIRST RICE MUSEUM TO BE READY IN APRIL NEXT YEAR

ALOR SETAR, Jan 16 (Bernama) -- The world's first rice museum, being developed at the foot of Gunung Keriang, about 10km from here, is expected to be ready in April next year.

Menteri Besar Datuk Syed Razak Syed Zain said that the museum would be a tourist attraction in the state.

Construction of the RM26 million museum commenced in July last year, adopting North Korean expertise, he told reporters after opening a one-week exhibition of 18 works of well-known North Korean artist Choe Myong Sik, 49, at the art gallery, here, last night.

He said that 50 North Koreans involved in the development of the museum concentrated on the aesthetic aspects of its construction, assisted by three engineers and an architect.

Syed Razak said that the project was 70 per cent completed.

The construction of the museum was mooted by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, he added.

Among the exhibits in the museum, when fully completed, will be various paddy strains from throughout the world, paddy cultivation equipment, rice-based foods and rice products.

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