

PM to launch another unit trust scheme by PNB next week

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PERMODALAN Nasional Berhad (PNB) will launch a new unit trust scheme next week, its chief executive Datuk Hamad Kama Piah Che Othman said.

The new scheme will be launched exactly 20 years after the launching of PNB's first scheme, Amanah Saham Malaysia on April 20, 1981.

Without elaborating, Hamad said the new unit trust scheme would be unveiled by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in conjunction with the launching of "Minggu Saham Amanah Nasional 2001" (MSAM) in Kota Baru, Kelantan, next week.

The venue of the launching will be at Padang Perdana where various programmes are being planned throughout the week which, among others, is to encourage the public to participate and invest in PNB's unit trust schemes.

Speaking before flagging-off the MSAM 2001 "Skuad Teksi" at Perdana Hotel in Kota Baru, Hamad said the PNB's unit trust schemes were unique as they provide opportunities for people from all walks of life, including the poor, to participate.

"This is so because even with only RM10, people can invest in PNB's unit trust schemes," he added.

The "Skuad Teksi" comprises about 50 trishaws which will be used to publicise PNB's MSAM 2001. (Teksi is the Kelantan dialect for beca or trishaw).

The unit trust schemes managed by PNB are the Amanah Saham Malaysia (ASM), Amanah Saham Wawasan 2020 (ASW2020), Amanah Saham Bumiputera (ASB), Amanah Saham Nasional and Amanah Saham Nasional2.