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Conversation with poets

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POETRY recital will get a new breath of life on Sept 2 with the inaugural Angkasapuri Poetry Recital Night 2001.

The recital, which is to become an annual event, will showcase the works of renowned poets and personalities including Tan Sri A. Samad Ismail and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Jointly organised by RTM and Berita Harian Sdn Bhd, the poetry recital at RTM's Auditorium Perdana, will be accompanied by an orchestra playing music composed by Ibrahim Bachik.

The event will culminate in Ibrahim's favourite poem by Samad entitled *Bicara Dengan Teman Lama* (Conversation With An Old Friend), which was first recited by the Ramon Magsaysay award winner in 1996.

Poems which will be recited at the event include Dr Mahathir's *Melayu Mudah Lupa*, *Sesekali* and *Puisi Warga Malaysia* by Lim Swee Tin, *Katakan Padaku* by Latiff Mohidin and *Aku Anak Kroni* by Professor Madya Rahman Shaari.

Members of the audience, who are expected to include Information Minister Tan Sri Khalil Yaacob, Lim Swee Tin, Ras Adiba Radzi, and singers Nora, Safura and Ella, will also be reciting the poems.