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Inventions and new findings to go on display

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. - The public can expect to see about 500 types of inventions and new findings at the upcoming Expo Science and Technology 2001 at the Putra World Trade Centre here.

In announcing the event from June 30 to July 3, Science, Technology and Environment Minister Datuk Law Heng Dieng said the expo would be the highlight of the silver jubilee celebrations of the Ministry.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will open the event on July 2. It is organised by the Malaysian Institute of Nuclear Technology Research and the Malaysian Association of Research Scientists.

"It will showcase the latest scientific inventions, innovations, products and findings, to mark 25 years of hard work and achievement," said Law.

He said the Government had always realised the importance of research and development as it would bring the nation nearer towards developed nation status.

He said since 1996, a total of RM1 billion had been allocated for R&D and in the Eighth Malaysia Plan, the allocation was RM1.5 billion.

At the expo, the Ministry will exhibit work from its cluster of agencies. Among the exhibits will be from Technology Park Malaysia, Kulim Technology Park, Multimedia Development Corporation and Malaysia Technology Development Corporation.

The grand finals of the National Science Quiz for secondary schools will also be held there on July 2 and Dr Mahathir will present the winning team with the Prime Minister's challenge trophy.

The Ministry has also created an Invention/Innovation Competition to select winners from various categories of exhibitors.

Admission is free and the National Science Centre will feature irresistible interactive displays that will give hands-on experience for adults and children.

There will also be a mini-theatre that will screen classic science fiction movies and informative documentaries.

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