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RM22 MILLION CRYSTAL MOSQUE FOR LANGKAWI

LANGKAWI, April 7 (Bernama) -- A RM22 million mosque built entirely of crystal will be built on one of Langkawi's islets, Pulau Rebak, Langkawi Crystal Sdn Bhd Managing Director Abdoul Rahman Abdullah said today.

He said the pillars of the crystal mosque covering 853-square metres would rise from the sea off the Crystal Village.

The mosque designed by DBA Arkitek Sdn Bhd of Kuala Lumpur would have a prayer hall which could accommodate 120 people, he said after briefing Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on the project.

The mosque, the first of its kind in the world, would symbolise the success of local architecture and project Islam's progress in Malaysia, he said.

Earlier Dr Mahathir inspected the operations at the Crystal Village which combined local architecture with that of the Crystal Village on the Island of Morano in Italy.

Apart from serving as a prayer house, the mosque will also be a source of attraction to tourists visiting Langkawi, he said.

Abdoul Rahman said several of his company's staff who designed unique items from crystal would be sent to Shanghai, China, to learn the finer points of cutting and polishing crystal.

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