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PM TO LAUNCH NATIONAL LEVEL INTERNATIONAL CUSTOMS DAY ON JAN 25

MELAKA, Jan 7 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is scheduled to launch the national level International Customs Day at the Royal Customs Academy Malaysia (AKMAL), Bukit Baru here on Jan 25.

The programme is part of Dr Mahathir's itinerary during his one-day working visit to the state, said Chief Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Ali Rustam today.

He said some 1,500 customs personnel and schoolchildren would attend the launching ceremony at the academy's ground.

The International Customs Day is celebrated each year in January under the auspices of the World Customs Organisation (WCO). AKMAL is also a training arm of WCO, which has 150 member states with its headquarters in Brussel.

The special day recognises the efforts of the men and women working in customs organisations worldwide.

After the launch, Mohd Ali said Dr Mahathir would proceed to the Al-Azim state mosque in Bukit Palah for the zohor prayers before opening a course for Umno training bureau chairmen and secretaries at the Puteri Hotel, Ayer Keroh at 3pm.

He said Dr Mahathir would wrap up his visit by performing the ground-breaking ceremony for the permanent campus of the Kolej Universiti Teknikal Kebangsaan Malaysia (KUTKM) in Durian Tunggal, here.

The university college is the country's 14th public institution of higher learning and operates from a temporary campus in Taman Tasik Utama, here. It held its first intake of 360 students in June last year.

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