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KL CONVENTION CENTRE, A NEW DISTINCTIVE LANDMARK IN THE CITY

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 11 (Bernama) -- The Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, situated in the prestigious Kuala Lumpur City Centre (KLCC) precinct, will be a new distinctive landmark in the capital city.

To be situated on a site covering 28,347 sq m, the convention centre is planned and designed to attract regional and international conventions, trade shows, public exhibitions, sporting events, as well as private functions.

With its state-of-the-art facilities and highly advanced technological infrastructure, the convention centre is said to become a new benchmark for conference and exhibition facilities in Malaysia.

The development of the convention centre was launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad here today.

Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre Sdn Bhd chairman Tan Sri Mohamed Hassan Marican said that the establishment of the centre would certainly be another landmark for Malaysia and further boost Kuala Lumpur's stature as a well-planned, well-equipped and modern cosmopolitan, and the regional hub for economic and social activities.

"More than that, it will reflect Malaysia's success and serve as an affirmation of the nation's sure and steady progress towards Vision 2020," he said in his speech.

As one of the key components of the KLCC masterplan, the convention centre will be a major activity generator complementing the rest of development with the precinct.

Its strategic location within the KLCC Park as a background provides a unique setting and an ideal venue for meetings and conventions in Kuala Lumpur.

The convention centre will comprise, among others, a 3,000-seat plenary hall, a 500-seat theatre, 10,000 sq m of column-free exhibition space, two large conference halls, a grand ballroom, a banquet hall and 19 meeting rooms.

The grand ballroom can accommodate up to 2,500 delegates while the adjoining banquet hall up to 900 guests.

"The convention centre will be equipped with state-of-the-art wireless, telecommunications and digital audio-visual facilities with a satellite link to cater for offsite presenters," he said.

Another exciting feature of the convention centre will be a walk-through aquarium, to be called Aquaria@KLCC, with more than 3,000 tropical marine species.

The aquarium, to be owned and operated by New-Zealand base Aquawalk International Limited, will promote educational and entertainment through interaction with the environment.

Mohamed Hassan said that the project was expected to be ready for soft opening by the end of next year and would be ready to host its first international event in May 2005.

"As the developer and operator of the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, we are committed to ensure that the excellent physical infrastructure is matched with the provision of equally excellent service," he said.

The convention centre boasts unique architectural features inspired by vernacular Malaysia, he said, adding that these futuristic features were in line with the convention centre's aim at establishing itself as a new benchmark for convention and exhibition venues in the country.

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