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MALAYSIA TO HOST NOBEL PRIZE CENTENNIAL EXHIBITION

PUTRAJAYA, Sept 18 (Bernama) -- Malaysia will host the Nobel Prize Centennial Exhibition from March 20 till June 27 next year, Science, Technology and Environment Minister Datuk Seri Law Hieng Ding said today.

Law said he believed that the event would serve as an excellent avenue by which Malaysians might be inspired to strive for excellence in the fields of science, culture and humanities.

He said Malaysians, especially those from the scientific community, must respond to the challenge thrown by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to excell so that they would be good enough to be awarded the Nobel Prizes.

"That challenge has sparked a lot of enthusiasm and spurred concerted national effort to raise the level of Malaysian scientific excellence through various approaches, spanning all levels of the community," he said at a function here to announce the hosting of the exhibition by Malaysia.

The event is aimed at creating public awareness on the immense scientific contributions of Nobel Laurettes, inspiring Malaysians to strive for excellence, and setting the stage for Malaysia to embrace a culture of creativity.

During the past decade, more than 700 people have received the prestigious Nobel Prizes for outstanding contributions in physics, chemistry, physiology, medicine, literature, peace and economics.

In conjunction with the exhibition, an international forum on creativity, which will see the participation of Nobel Prize winners, is scheduled to be held in March.

Law also called on the media to build up publicity and enthusiasm for the exhibition which will be held at the National Science Centre in Mont Kiara, Kuala Lumpur.

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