

11 FEB 2003

PM LAUNCHES DEVELOPMENT OF KUALA LUMPUR CONVENTION CENTRE

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 11 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today launched the development of the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, soon to be a new distinctive landmark in the capital city.

To be situated on a site covering 28,347 sq m within the prestigious Kuala Lumpur City Centre (KLCC) precinct, the Kuala Lumpur 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.

In his message in the souvenir programme book, Dr Mahathir said that the launching of the development of the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre marked yet another important milestone in Malaysia's efforts to position the capital city, Kuala Lumpur as the premier venue for major international events.

"Once completed, this landmark project would place Malaysia prominently on the global map as a leading convention and exhibition centre. It would also provide an added advantage to Kuala Lumpur in its ability to cater to the increasing needs for conference and exhibition facilities in this region," he said.

The Prime Minister also expressed confidence that Malaysia will become the best choice to hold regional and international events in the region.

Congratulating Petroliam Nasional Berhad (Petronas) and KLCC Holdings Berhad for taking up the challenge and ensuring that the project will become a reality, he said that the new centre will be a testimony of Malaysians' capabilities in the building of high-tech facilities and providing world-class service.

-- BERNAMA

HS KHY RM