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ROYAL MINT TO SHOWCASE ITS QUALITY PRODUCTS

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KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 13 (Bernama) -- The Royal Mint of Malaysia, the country's sole minter of coins and medallions, views the upcoming 13th Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Summit here as the ideal platform to showcase its products and expertise in minting.

With the gathering of heads of state or government and representatives from the movement's 114 member countries, it is likely that interested parties may call at The Royal Mint of Malaysia to seek help in minting special coins.

The Royal Mint of Malaysia minted the three NAM commemorative coins in conjunction with the summit to be held on Feb 20-25.

"We want to sell the capabilities of Royal Mint (during the NAM)," Hashmiah Hashim, director corporate sales & marketing of The Royal Mint of Malaysia told Bernama, recently.

The three NAM special coins comprise of proof gold coin, proof silver coin, and brilliant uncirculated and proof nordic gold coin.

The coins carry the same design. The obverse side depicts NAM's official logo and wording while the reverse side depicts Malaysia's parliament house, star and crescent, representing the seat of the government, democracy and the place where government policies are decided.

Hashmiah said, "Quality is never a compromise, even those with minor defect will immediately be set aside."

For special coins, we will be very, very, careful. Even minor defect will not be allowed here, she said.

The NAM coins were launched by Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Feb 6, simultaneously with the commemorative stamps and First Day Covers for the NAM Summit and a book on Malaysia Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP).

Hashmiah said the NAM coins were the first commemorative coins to be minted by The Royal Mint of Malaysia for this year.

The Royal Mint of Malaysia had planned to produce six commemorative coins for this year including Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) and Langkawi International Maritimes and Aerospace Exhibition (LIMA), she said.

Hashmiah said The Royal Mint of Malaysia would welcome those who needed to know more about circulation coins, commemorative coins and medallions.

"Call us, you are most welcome. We look forward to minting your coins," she said.

She said several overseas countries were very impressed with The Royal Mint of Malaysia's work and they had approached the company for assistance.

The Royal Mint of Malaysia was established by Mariwasa Kraftangan Sdn Bhd in 2000 and specialises in circulation coins, numismatic products and medallions. -- BERNAMA

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