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Tower-Tribute
12-METRE BOOK TOWER BUILT TO THANK THE PM

KUALA LUMPUR, July 9 (Bernama) -- A 12-metre book tower as a tribute to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is in the making.

The tower, in the shape of the Petronas Twin Towers, will carry the key books written by the prime minister and other notable books written by Malaysian authors.

The project is jointly organised by Hardknocks Factory Sdn Bhd and Sunway Pyramid Sdn Bhd.

Organising chairman Billi P.S. Lim said today that the book tower was to commemorate the efforts of a leader who has spent 23 years of his life making Malaysia what it is today.

"After considerable thought and numerous meetings we have decided that nothing would be more fitting as a tribute to the prime minister than to create the tallest book tower in Malaysia, and perhaps the world, to show our gratitude and appreciation," he told a news conference here.

Lim said the tower would be completed by Aug 8 and be displayed at the Eastwing of Sunway Pyramid from Aug 8 to Sept 1, followed by a one-month display at the KL International Airport (KLIA).

"The organisers will progressively build and set up the tower with books until the actual day of the event (Aug 8). The public is also invited to participate," he said.

He said they had invited Dr Mahathir to the event and were waiting for his response.

The tower will be recorded in the "Malaysia Book of Records" as the tallest book tower ever built in Malaysia and will be submitted to the "Guinness Book of Records" as a contender for the tallest book tower in the world.

There will also be an exhibition from Aug 8 to 15 for those who want to showcase their products or services which were inspired by the prime minister.

So far, Pelanduk Publication is providing the books and Lim urged other publications to contribute more books.

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