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Hi-tech displays to highlight Nobel achievements

KUALA LUMPUR, Sat. - Malaysians motivated to strive for scientific excellence should not miss the Nobel Prize Centennial Exhibition at the National Science Centre from March 20 to June 27.

The exhibition, themed Cultures of Creativity: Individuals and Milieus, will present the achievements of 700 Nobel laureates.

"All Malaysians should visit the once-in-a-lifetime exhibition," Academy of Sciences Malaysia executive director Datuk Dr Samsudin Tugiman said.

"It will be interesting and attractive, with the use of high technology and innovative displays."

Malaysia will be the third Asian country to host the exhibition, after Japan and South Korea.

He said the event would be timely in view of former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad's challenge to scientists to produce a Nobel laureate by 2020.

Other events include the International Forum on Creativity on March 20-22 and the International Conference on Primary and Secondary Schools Science and Mathematics Education on June 16-18.

He said the creativity forum, which will be attended by Nobel laureates and 400 other participants, would discuss how a creative environment for individuals, schools and families could be established.

The forum will be opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, who will give a keynote address entitled A Culture of Creativity for a Progressive Society.

There will be lectures, science motivation sessions and a special forum enabling scientists from overseas to network with their local counterparts.

Six Nobel Laureates will visit different places in Malaysia to give talks and meet local scientists.

They will visit Universiti Malaysia Sabah, Universiti Malaysia Sarawak, Universiti Sains Malaysia, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia in Johor, Universiti Putra Malaysia in Selangor and Kolej Universiti Sains dan Teknologi Malaysia in Terengganu.

Other events include a Science and Mathematics Education Expo 2004 on June 18-20 at the Putra World Trade Centre, and a competition among teachers to showcase innovative teaching and learning.