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Man-made waterfall in Langkawi set to take off

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LANGKAWI, Fri. - Visitors will have another reason to visit the legendary island of Langkawi with the launching of the tallest man-made waterfall in Malaysia on Sunday.

Standing at 66.92 metres in height, the waterfall is set to be the latest attraction by being the only one in the country to flow over a road cave tunnel in Jalan Datai.

It consists of three levels, with the first two built above the tunnel, while the last is made up of water cascading over rocks.

Rocks, tunnel walls, ponds and caves were built to blend in with the natural hill slopes on the island.

On Sunday, former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad will christen the waterfall with the name of his choice. The Malaysia Book of Records will declare it the highest man-made waterfall in the country the same day.

The project, Dr Mahathir's vision in early 2003, was realised by Gerbang Perdana Sdn Bhd when it began construction last August and completed the project last month.

The company's corporate services assistant manager, Zarina Zainal, said water flowing over the tunnel was certainly a beautiful sight.

"You can also see mini waterfalls inside the tunnel itself as you are driving along," she said.

The waterfall, dedicated as a gift to the islanders, will complement the natural flora of the hill slope.