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Siti Nurhaliza all set for concert

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HER performance at the Royal Albert Hall on April 1 will mark a new milestone in her quest for international acclaim.

Malaysia's pop princess Siti Nurhaliza said that after a concert at such a prestigious venue, it was important that she maintained a high standard and quality of performance,

"I am not worried about the preparation for the concert. I have practised with the help of Mahadzir Lokman, Fazley Yaakob and dancers from Yayasan Warisan Johor, and we have had post-mortems to make sure that everything goes well for the night. All I have to do now is look after my health," Siti Nurhaliza told a Press conference of British and Malaysian media.

Siti Nurhaliza arrived in London last week nursing a cold. She was interviewed by the BBC World Service last week.

Last night, she met members of the British media at an informal gathering at the Mango Tree, a Malaysian-owned restaurant in Belgravia.

She had a series of one-on-one interviews with journalists from IN London magazine and the BBC World Service programme Everywoman.

Before the concert, BBC World will be interviewing Siti Nurhaliza and filming her rehearsals with her dancers.

According to Fazley, vice-president of the Putra World Trade Centre, the concert organisers, representatives of British record companies will also be attending the concert together with members of the local Press.

Earlier he told those present, which included officers from the Malaysian High Commission and Tourism Malaysia in London, that despite the brief time available for promotion, ticket sales had been encouraging, especially after the singer's weekend appearance at Oriental City to meet her fans.

"We have sold more than 2,000 tickets," he said.

Fazley did not hesitate to add that the discounted tickets sold during the weekends were very limited and available only to fans who wanted Siti Nurhaliza's autograph.

At the box office, the price is still the same.

Siti Nurhaliza added she was most encouraged by a message from former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad that she should not worry about ticket sales and concentrate on giving her best performance.

It is rumoured, but unconfirmed, that Tun Mahathir will attend the concert.

The singer spoke of her plans for the future, which include a mini concert in Perth, a trip to Sarajevo and also Aceh.

Siti's Nurhaliza's parents will also be present during the performance.

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