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Its unique curvilinear structure is based on renowned Malaysian sculptor and artist Latiff Mohidin's award-winning masterpiece - the Pucuk Rebung - which depicts a young bamboo shoot with strong foundations at its root and little leaves sprouting.

Menara Telekom is equipped with an Integrated Building Management System (IBMS) created by Telekom Malaysia's research and development division to provide a productive and cost-effective environment.

The IBMS has the ability to integrate 11 key mechanical and engineering sub-systems within the tower - from the air-conditioning and ventilation system to the lighting control system and the security management and lift and escalator systems.

Another key feature is the document conveyor system, which transports documents and parcels within the building - from three floors underground to the 55th floor, the highest office floor in the tower.

Menara Telekom can house 6,000 occupants and has 22 "sky gardens" to provide a conducive environment for building residents. The landscaped terraces are tranquil, private retreats for rest and relaxation.

Occupants of the building can also enjoy sporting and recreational activities at the Menara Telekom Sports Complex. An indoor gymnasium is also available for exercise enthusiasts.

Telekom Malaysia employees with young children can send them to Tiaratots, a fully-equipped childcare centre with an indoor play centre. More than 100 children spend time at Tiaratots under the care of 15 guardians while their parents are working.

Menara Telekom is also open to tenants. At RM3.50 per square foot, it has attracted Daimler-Chrysler, manufacturer of luxury cars, Hapag-Lloyd, an international shipping company, and the Information Technology Division of Tenaga Nasional Bhd.

At the launch, Telekom Malaysia chairman Tan Sri Md Radzi Mansor thanked Tan Sri Dr Rashdan Baba, the first Telekom Malaysia chairman, for realising the need for a corporate headquarters.

"Our gratitude also goes to Hijjas Kasturi, the renowned local architect, for transforming the vision of the rebung or bamboo shoot into this unique building.

"The bamboo shoot has traditionally been linked with growth, and it signifies the path of continuous progress that Telekom Malaysia is taking."

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