

PM's childhood home on show

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NUMBER 18, Lorong Kilang Ais, off Jalan Pegawai in Alor Star will be inundated with visitors tomorrow. Chances are, it will remain so for some time to come because this is Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's childhood home.

To give Malaysians a glimpse into the Prime Minister's past, the house, which has been named *Rumah Kelahiran Mahathir Mohamad*, will be opened to the public tomorrow by Culture, Arts and Tourism Minister Datuk Sabbaruddin Chik.

About 500 people, including Dr Mahathir's relatives, are expected to attend the opening ceremony.

Among the items on display in the house will be a set of medical instruments which Dr Mahathir used

when he was practising medicine.

Other items include an antique radio, a steel bed, an antique iron and 60 photographs of the Prime Minister during his younger days.

The archives began working on the house in March last year and almost 95 per cent of the restoration work has been completed.

Among the features of the house that have been preserved are the attap roof, the cloth ceiling and wooden walls.

The exhibits have been divided into three categories: archives, museum and library materials.

Among the archival materials are photographs and documents. Dr Mahathir's record of service as a medical officer and his birth certificate are also on display in the house.

Beginning tomorrow, the house will be open to the public daily from 9am to 6pm.