

Adding colour to memorial

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Archives aims for Hussein Onn's blue

KUALA LUMPUR: Dark blue or blue-black was a favourite colour of the late Tun Hussein Onn, the country's third prime minister.

National Archives director-general Datuk Rahani Jamil said work was in progress to repair and renovate the interior of the memorial, located in Jalan Dato Onn here, to include this favourite colour of the former prime minister.

The archives was entrusted by the Government to set up and administer the Tun Hussein Onn Memorial.

Hussein, the eldest child of Umno founder Datuk Onn Jaafar, was appointed prime

minister on Jan 15, 1976 following the sudden death of Tun Abdul Razak Hussein in London due to leukaemia.

On July 16, 1981, Hussein relinquished his post as prime minister due to health problems.

He died on May 29, 1990 at the Seaton Medical Centre in San Francisco, while undergoing heart treatment.

Rahani said the setting up of the Tun Hussein Onn Memorial was approved by former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Dec 22, 1998.

She said the Tun Hussein Onn Memorial, scheduled to be opened by Prime Minister Da-

tuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi tomorrow, had three floors – each showcasing various exhibits of Hussein's life.

Rahani said the memorial would display Hussein's office when he was prime minister as well as his biography and family tree tracing back to his grandfather Datuk Jaafar Muhammad, the first mentri besar of Johor.

She said visitors would also get an insight of Hussein's childhood, his school life and his work as a lawyer.

There will also be exhibits on his wife, Tun Suhailah Tan Sri Mohd Noah, and her contributions to the country. — Bernama