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New hotel for the merdeka V.I.P.s

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KUALA LUMPUR, Sunday — The reception and accommodation of foreign V.I.P.s at the Federation's merdeka celebrations on Aug. 31, will cost about \$200,000 — the main item of expenditure in the \$1 million programme.

The general secretary of the central merdeka celebrations committee, Inche Abdul Rahman bin Talib, said today they would be guests for five days. During that period, he said their accommodation, transport and food would be paid for by the committee.

Most of the V.I.P.s will be accommodated in a 10-storey hotel which will be opened a few days before independence.

Allocation

"The committee has asked the proprietor to cater for the guests," said Inche Abdul Rahman.

The V.I.P.s will represent neighbouring countries, the Colombo Plan and the Commonwealth countries and the principal Muslim states.

More than 50 countries will be invited.



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The money to pay for the comfort of the guests will come from a \$568,000 allocation which the committee plans to spend in the Federal capital.

Of this sum \$70,000 will go to a fund to illuminate and decorate the capital which has been an undertaking which will cost about \$143,000. The balance will be from public donations.

Merdeka Sports

From the same allocation the committee will meet the cost of ceremonies connected with the declaration of independence.

"A part of the cost for promoting merdeka sports and games will also be met from the allocation," said Inche Abdul Rahman.

A Federation Government statement says that an official announcement will be made about the countries to be invited to send representatives when these invitations have been dispatched.