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## Models of early iconic buildings on display until Sept 30



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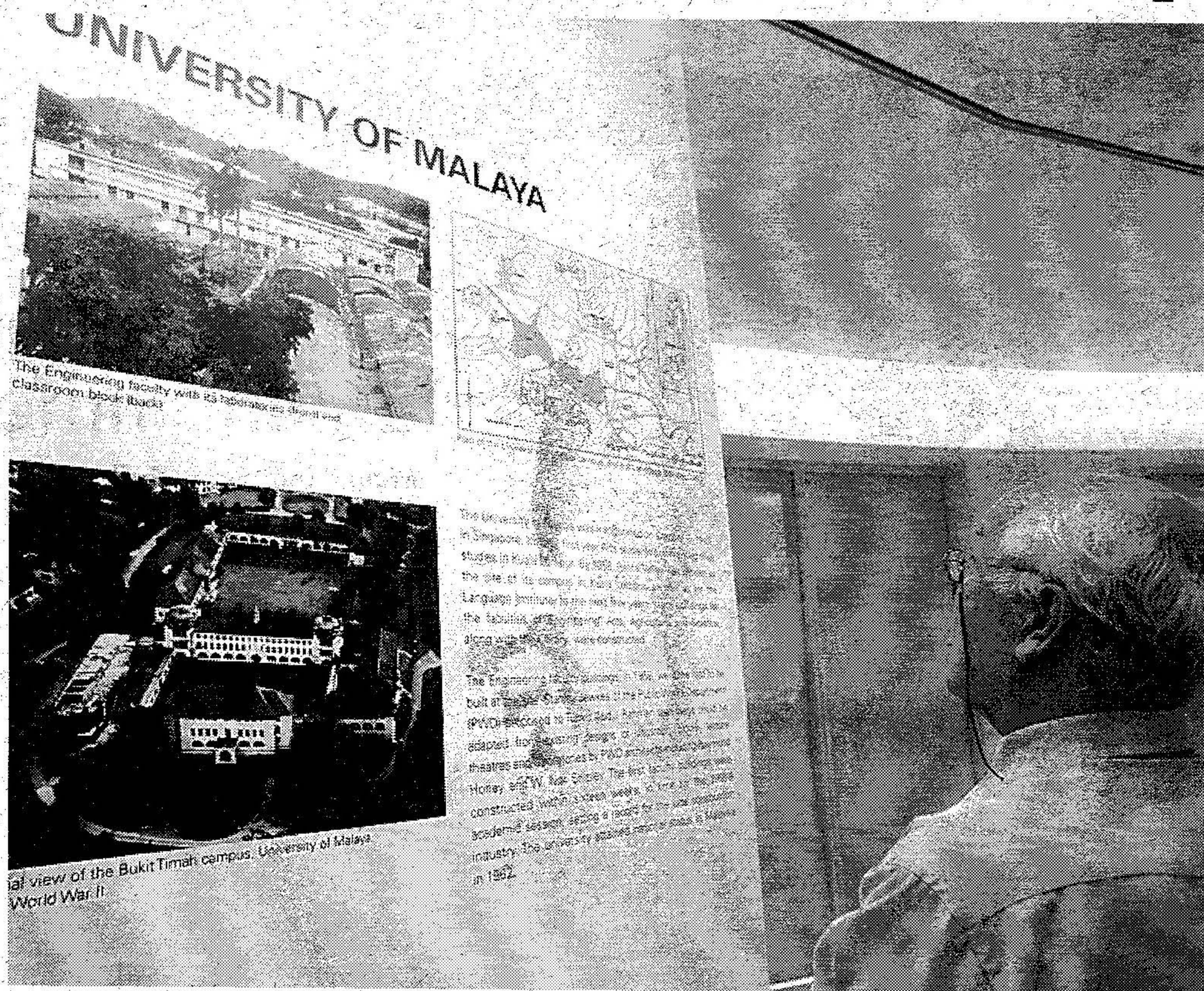
**KUALA LUMPUR:** An exhibition showcasing 10 iconic structures symbolising Malaysia's coming of age in the first decade of the nation's independence is being held at the Galeri Petronas.

Titled *Building Merdeka: Independence Architecture in Kuala Lumpur, 1957-1966*, the showcase at Level 3, Suria KLCC held in conjunction with the nation's 50th Merdeka celebrations will run till Sept 30.

The buildings are the Merdeka Stadium, Merdeka Park, Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka building, Stadium Negara, Parliament House, Muzium Negara, Masjid Negara, the National Monument, University of Malaya campus and Subang International Airport (now Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah Airport).

The exhibition showcases the documentation of the 10 projects through architectural drawings, models, photographs, murals, sculpture and film.

"As we step into our 50th year of nationhood, this month of August 2007 brings forth many poignant yet



**Looking at history:** A visitor looking at one of the exhibits at the Building Merdeka: Independence Architecture in Kuala Lumpur exhibition at Galeri Petronas.

inspirational reflections of our nation's past," said Galeri Petronas director Tengku Nasariah Tengku Syed Ibrahim.

"This meaningful exhibition explores the architectural planning and construction of ten national building icons which symbolises our

nation's coming of age," she said.

She added that having such an display was a good way to take exhibition visitors back into our nation's fledgling past, in post-colonial Malaya.

The exhibition will be open from 10am to 8pm daily except on Mon-

days and admission is free.

In conjunction with the exhibition, two public programmes will be held, the first being a one-day field trip for children to Parliament House on Aug 25, and the other a public forum on *An Afternoon with Merdeka Architects* on Sept 8.