

Celebrate Federal Territory Day! ●●●

1 February marks Federal Territory Day, a celebration on the achievement of bringing three distinct cities into a unified scheme that is far greater than the sum of its parts. With Kuala Lumpur celebrating its 150th year of founding and 33 years as a Federal Territory, Labuan as a financial services centre and Putrajaya as the seat of government, it is indeed time to take our hat off and give a salute to our Federal Territories.

The Seat of Government: PUTRAJAYA

Putrajaya is the new administrative centre of the country, a green metropolis to serve the governance of Malaysia. Formerly known as Prang Besar, Putrajaya is located 25km south of Kuala Lumpur. The city was the mega project launched by former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamed who, realising the congestion in KL was becoming critical, made the bold move to build a new city where the seat of the executive functions would be held. Seemingly within a blink of an eye, Putrajaya was born.

As a test for a paperless government, Putrajaya is equipped with the latest telecommunication technologies and is also set to be a model garden city with a sophisticated information network based on multimedia technologies.

While Kuala Lumpur remains the financial and commercial capital, Putrajaya is the country's administration hub, housing all the government agencies and promising an efficient, progressive administration.

More than 70% of Putrajaya is still nature with lush greenery and botanical gardens spread across the landscape beautified by large bodies of water and wetlands playing host to an amazing array of flora and fauna. Five confluences of water meet at the north forming a main waterway that flows through the city area.

At the north of the core area is the government precinct with the Prime Minister's Complex situated at a vantage point overlooking

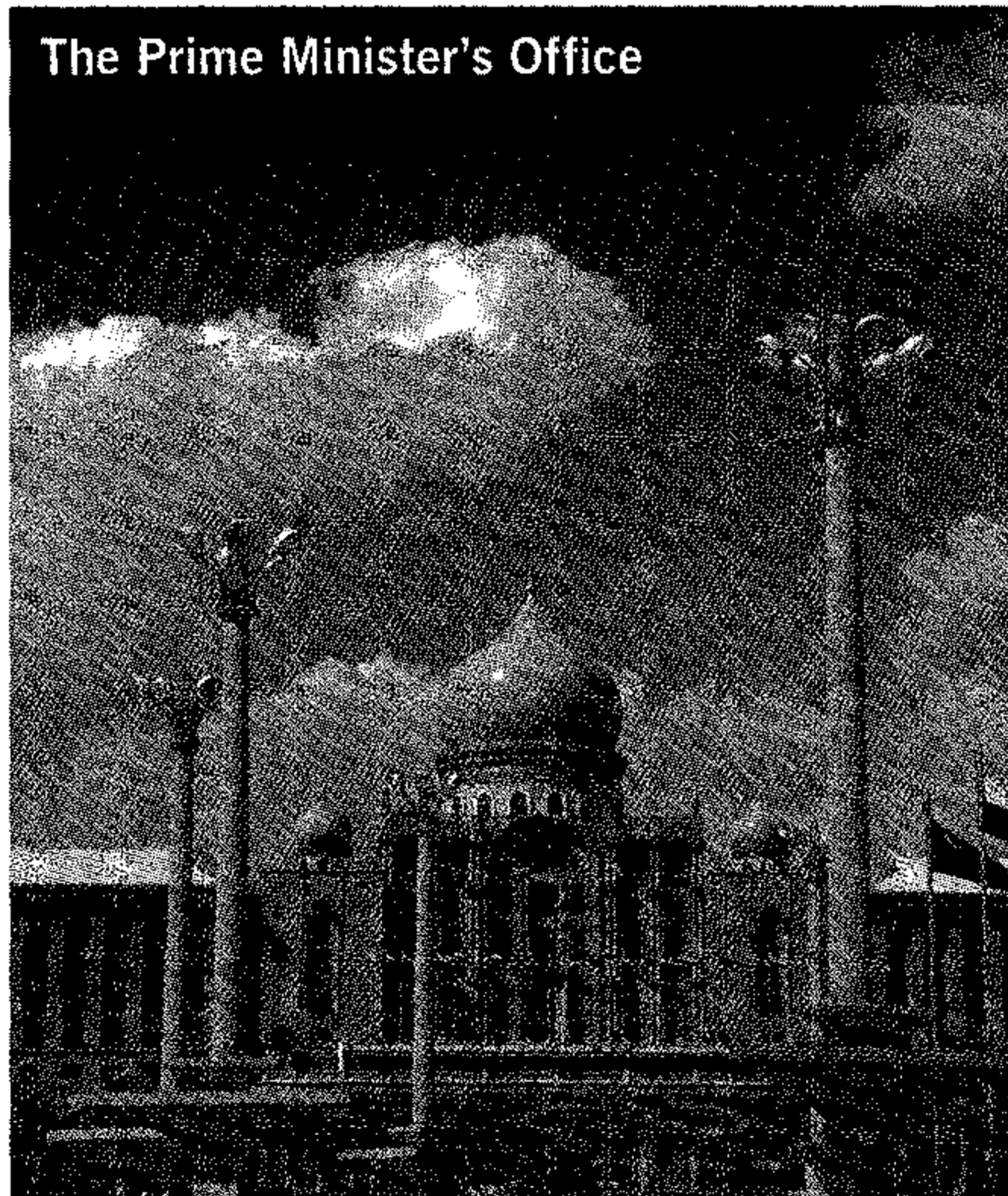
Dataran Putra which is the beginning of the Putra Boulevard.

The Putra Mosque, situated next to a lake, incorporates Islamic architecture from countries such as Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan and Morocco. The mosque consists of a 116 metre tall minaret designed after the Sheikh Oman Mosque in Baghdad.

Visitors to the city must not miss the Botanical Gardens which house some of the most interesting types of flora found in the region and the Wetlands Park which offers an insight into the ecology of the area.

A cruise on the beautiful lakes of the city is another must, offering five star dining while showcasing the scenic sights of a truly modern and intelligent city. **KL**

The Prime Minister's Office



FEDERAL TERRITORY DAY 2007 PROGRAMME

Official Launch of Federal Territory Day Celebrations

1 Feb., 07:30-14:00hrs

Venue: Dataran Merdeka, Kuala Lumpur

FT Day Prayers

1 Feb., 19:00hrs

Venue: Federal Territory Mosque, Jalan Duta

Putrajaya Invitational Polo Competition 2007

2-4 Feb., 15:00hrs

Venue: Equestrian Park, Putrajaya

Official Launch of the Federal Territory Day Festival

3-4 Feb., 08:00hrs

Venue: Taman Tasik Titiwangsa, Kuala Lumpur

Putrajaya Federal Territory Fishing Competition

3 Feb., 15:00hrs

Venue: Putrajaya Lake, Precinct 1, Putrajaya

Federal Territory Day Orchestral Concert

3 Feb., 20:30hrs

Venue: Taman Tasik Titiwangsa, Kuala Lumpur

Labuan Federal Territory Day Celebrations

5 Feb., 20:00hrs

Venue: Labuan Square, Labuan

Kuala Lumpur Federal Territory Day Fest

10-11 Feb., 07:00hrs

Venue: Taman Tasik Metropolitan Kepong, Kuala Lumpur

Putrajaya Cyclefest 2007

24 Feb., 08:00hrs

Venue: Dataran Putrajaya

Putrajaya Art Fest

24-25 Feb., 08:00hrs

Venue: Putrajaya Lake, Precinct 1

Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur Tattoo and Band Performance

24 Feb., 15:00hrs

Venue: Taman Tasik Titiwangsa, Kuala Lumpur

Labuan Federal Territory Day Fest

24-25 Feb., 07:00hrs

Venue: Labuan Square, Labuan