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Najib to be first PM to visit 'Lost World' Maliau Basin

KOTA KINABALU: Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak will be the first prime minister to visit the internationally-acclaimed Maliau Basin, dubbed as the Lost World.

Chief Minister Datuk Musa Aman, in disclosing this yesterday, said Najib would open the Maliau Basin Studies Centre and witness the sign-

ing of several memorandums of understanding between local and international groups involved in research at the untouched rainforests of Sabah.

He said Najib would also launch Project Safe undertaken by Sime Darby in the area during his visit to the 30 sq km basin of pristine for-

est off the east coast.

Musa said Najib would arrive in Kota Kinabalu on Jan 28 and was scheduled to check on the Kota Kinabalu International Airport development, open the new Taman Perdana in Tanjung Aru before joining the Chinese New Year celebrations at Gaya Street the same day.

On another development, Musa said the state cabinet had given the go ahead for the RM6.5bil eco-nature integrated resort on the 1,000.5ha land in Karambunai about 35km from here.

The state cabinet, he said, was briefed by developer Karambunai Corporation Berhad among others at

the meeting yesterday.

The project was one of the 133 entry points project that was announced by Najib under Budget **2011**.

Musa said developers of the integrated project said it would help create 20,000 to 50,000 jobs when completed in 10 years.