

MITEC ready to be handed over to Govt

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KUALALUMPUR: The Malaysia International Trade and Exhibition Centre (MITEC), the first development component of the 75-acre KL Metropolis, has been issued the Certificate of Completion and Compliance and ready to be handed over to the Government.

Naza TTDI Sdn Bhd, the master developer of KL Metropolis, has invested over RM650mil to build MITEC, a 1.5 million sq ft exhibition centre with 11 halls across three levels.

KL Metropolis is one of the major projects of Naza TTDI that will be developed over 12 to 15 years, with an estimated gross development value (GDV) of RM20bil.

Executive director Idzham Mohd Hashim said MITEC, the flagship of KL Metropolis, would be handed over to the Government soon and expected to start operations in the first quarter of next year.

"For now, we are not sure who will be the operator of the building, as this will be appointed by the Government," said Idzham on the sidelines of a sneak preview of the newly completed MITEC yesterday.

He added that an additional RM50mil to RM100mil would be pumped in by the Government to refurbish it.

The architecture of the building depicted a rubber seed to signify the rubber industry's contribution to Malaysia's economic growth in the early days.

Known as the largest exhibition space in Malaysia, MITEC can accommodate up to 47,700 visitors in theatre-style seating and



New landmark: Idzham (left) and Naza TTDI Group project director Khoo Thian Shyang during a sneak preview of the newly completed MITEC.

28,300 in banquet seating at any one time. Its exhibition halls has the capacity to house heavy machineries and aircraft.

Meanwhile, Idzham said the company would be focusing on developing Met 1, which is the first of the total eight precincts in KL Metropolis.

"We will be launching Met 1 sometime next

month," he said, adding that this consisted of two office towers, one serviced residences, and destination mall with a net lettable area of 85,000 sq ft.

Aside from KL Metropolis, he said the company still had five acres to be developed in the RM4bil Platinum Park and another 40 acres in Section 13, Shah Alam, called TTDI Gateway.