UPM heritage museum to preserve old Malay houses

KUALA PILAH: Old Malay houses will be dismantled and re-assembled at Universiti Putra Malaysia in Selangor under a programme to preserve them for future generations.

UPM Malay Heritage Museum director Dr Muhammad Pauzi Abdul Latif said they would be taking the homes and relocating them at the museum in Serdang.

"The identified houses will be dismantled before they are relocated and re-assembled at the museum.

"Only relocation and rehabilitation can help save these old Malay houses from being destroyed.

"We will preserve them for future generations," he said here yesterday.

Muhammad Pauzi said the houses were also being rehabilitated for educational purposes and as the main attraction for visitors to the museum.

He added that the latest project involved the house of Datuk Raja di-Wangsa Muhammad Yunus Jabar, or more popularly known by locals in Kampung Merual in Seri Menantin, near here, as Tok Tonso.

Re-assembling the house is expected to take four months, from next month. — Bernama