

"However, I am hoping that it can be completed by 2019 and help to jumpstart our progression into bringing in tourists," he said when attending the State Museum Department's 'Gawai Raya' celebration at Imperial Hotel here on Friday night.

During his speech, the minister reminded all of the department's staff members to be committed and passionate in carrying out their duties.

"This department is important in the sense of preserving the state's artefacts which can be shown to future generations.

"You have to be committed and passionate, no matter what post you're holding, as these artefacts each tell a story to both our people and others who wish to know more on our history," he said.

Also present was State Museum Department Director, Ipoi Datan.

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