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Thank you:
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(left)
presenting a
souvenir
to Mohd
Azmawi Fikri.
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GUA MUSANG: A special gallery showcasing Mek Keldung – a prehistoric human skeleton estimated to be 14,000 years old – will be opened.

It will be a new attraction to Kelantan's tourism scene.

The gallery would serve as a platform for the public to see for themselves the historical findings from the Nenggiri Hydroelectric Project, said Nenggiri assemblyman Mohd Azmawi Fikri Abdul Ghani.

"I have personally visited Gua Keldung, one of the caves involved

in the construction of the hydroelectric dam, where a 14,000-year-old human skeleton was discovered by a Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) team.

"This artefact will be placed in a special gallery that will be set up in Gua Musang town as it is one of the state's and the nation's valuable treasures," he told reporters after visiting Gua Keldung during the 4xplore Teroka Alam: Legasi Di Bumi programme here yesterday, Bernama reported.

The discovery was made

through rescue archaeological excavation works carried out by a team of researchers from UKM, led by Senior Fellow of the Institute of the Malay World and Civilisation, Assoc Prof Dr Zuliskandar Ramli, for the Nenggiri Hydroelectric Dam Project.

Mohd Azmawi Fikri said the gallery would not only function as a centre for displaying artefacts but also as a new tourism attraction to boost the socio-economic well-being of the local community.