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LE TOUR DE LANGKAWI AMONG SPORTS EVENTS TO PROMOTE LANGKAWI ISLAND

LANGKAWI, Jan 25 (Bernama) -- The Le Tour de Langkawi cycling tournament from Feb 29 to March 10 will be among the six events arranged this year to promote the resort island world wide.

Langkawi Development Authority (Lada) general manager Datuk Abdul Halil Mutalib said the tournament which offer prizes totalling RM1 million is also the biggest of such event in the country.

Speaking to reporters here, he said the event was not only to promote Langkawi as the international resort and convention centre but also as a world class sports centre.

Le Tour de Langkawi, which is similar to the Le Tour de France, was the idea of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad. The 1,428-km event involved several stages through several states in the peninsula.

Abdul Halil said 180 cyclists from 18 nations including France, Holland, England, United States, Australia, Japan, Taiwan and Asean countries were expected to participate in the tournament.

He said Dr Mahathir was expected to flag off the cyclists in Langkawi on Feb 29.

Apart fromn Le Tour de Langkawi, Abdul Halil said the exhibition on Airport Requirements would be held at the Mahsuri International Exhibition Hall here from April 16.

He said the Formula One power boat race would also be held in May. --
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