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LOTUS TO MAKE GRAND ENTRANCE AT LANGKAWI MOTOR SHOWCASE

LANGKAWI, Nov 3 (Bernama) -- Car racing fans will get the chance to view the world-renowned Lotus car during the Langkawi International Motor Show (LIMOS `96) from Nov 30 to Dec 8.

Le Proton Exhibiseon Sdn. Bhd., Marketing manager Azma Rahman said eight units of the famous marque would be on display for the first time in the country since the spectacular takeover of the Lotus group by Proton.

This was confirmed soon after Proton controlling shareholder, DRB Hicom chairman Tan Sri Yahya Ahmad signed the takeover agreement in London recently, she said after attending a LIMOS `96 preparatory meeting here, today.

She said it would do the nation proud by having Lotus at the exhibition as it could attract more visitors to the show.

In addition, she said two Formula 1 cars sponsored by Petronas and Mercedes would also be displayed at the show as compared to only one last year.

Azma said, so far, 80 companies from 11 countries had confirmed their participation with about 210 cars of various makes including the new Fiat Mario.

The participating countries are Japan, South Korea, Germany, Thailand, China, Italy, the United States, United Kingdom, France, Australia and Singapore.

The figure more than doubled that of the LIMOS `95 when only 37 companies took part.

DRB Hicom will be the biggest exhibitor, taking up some 3,500 sq metres space, she said.

She also said LIMOS `96 was originally scheduled for 10 days beginning Nov 29 but switched to a day later due to unavoidable circumstances.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad will open the exhibition on Dec 1, she said.

The event will have worldwide coverage as journalists from England, Germany, France, and the Asean countries had been invited.

Azma said among the highlights were a round-the-island tour by about 50 Ferraris on Dec 2, an Aseanb cross-country run on Nov 30, and an international go-kart Invitation on Dec 6 and 7.

There would also be daily art competitions and quiz for school children throughout the nine-day extravaganza. -- BERNAMA

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