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Photographers

MALAYSIAN PHOTOGRAPHERS FOR AUSSIE VISIT NAMED

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MELBOURNE, April 21 (Bernama) -- Three Malaysian and three Australian photographers have been selected to take part in multicultural photographic exchange and exhibition this year.

They are Suan Lim, Amri Ginang and S.C.Sekhar of Malaysia and Lorrie Graham, Peter Solness and Emmanuel Santos of Australia.

They will visit each other's country to photograph all aspects of multiculturalism and 60 of the best prints from each country will go on display in Australia and Malaysia in October this year.

The assignment will start on May 6 when the Malaysian photographers will arrive in Melbourne while the Australians will begin their work about the same time.

The Malaysian project co-ordinator is Marina Mahathir. Her Australian counterpart is Liza Alpers, of Asialink Centre, Melbourne University.

The photo editors will be Richard Hsu (Malaysia) and Stephanie Strange (Australia). Journalists Greg Sheridan (Australia) and Kadir Jasin (Malaysia) will provide the words.

The photographic exhibition, which was announced by former Australian Prime Minister Paul Keating last November, will be undertaken in collaboration with the Malaysia-Australia Foundation and the Australia-Malaysia Society.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his Australian counterpart John Howard are expected to open the exhibition to be called "Visions" in their respective countries. Marina is expected to attend the Australian launch.

In Australia, the exhibitioan will be seen in Canberra, Adelaide, Sydney and Melbourne.

Alpers, who will be in Kuala Lumpur for the Malaysian launch in October, toled Bernama Australia's role in the region depended not only on economic factors, but also on a "deep cultural understanding".

"The photographic exchange, a significant project, links Australia and Malaysia through the medium of photography and is set to forge new understanding about society in both countries.

"Each photographer will be taken on a specific assignment in different parts of the country they are visiting to record how, and to what extent multiculturalism impacts on the daily lives of Malaysians and Australians," she said. --BERNAMA

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