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Rafidah-Expo

OVER 60 BUMI COMPANIES AT ECONOMIC ACHIEVEMENT EXPO

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 2 (Bernama) -- More than 60 Bumiputera companies in the various sectors have contributed RM2.5 million for the eight-day Bumiputera Economic Achievement Expo beginning here on Aug 28, Wanita Umno chief Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz said today.

These companies will showcase the Bumiputera entrepreneurs' achievements from the pre-Merdeka era to the present day using the "time tunnel" concept in conjunction with Umno's 50th anniversary celebration.

"For this expo, the successful Malay entrepreneurs will lead 11 sectors to exhibit the involvement and achievements of Bumiputeras in various fields of industries," she told a press conference here.

The expo, to be held at the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC), will be opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who is Umno president.

Rafidah, who is International Trade and Industry Minister, said the 11 sectors include the one on automotive and road transport led by Tan Sri Yahya Ahmad as chairman, real estate by Tan Sri Wan Azmi Wan Hamzah and Datuk Affendi Nawawi, telecommunications by Tan Sri Shamsuddin Abdul Kadir, and infrastructure and highways by Tan Sri Halim Saad and Datuk Jaafar Abdul Hamid.

The finance and management sector is led by Tan Sri Abdul Rashid Hussain, education, agriculture, consumers and public transport by Tan Sri Basir Ismail and Datuk Abdullah Sanusi, aviation by Tan Sri Tajudin Ramli, shipping by Datuk Halim Mohammad and petroleum and petrochemical by Datuk Hassan Merican.

Rafidah said the expo, themed "Umno Tunggak Kecemerlangan" (Umno, the pillar of excellence), would also illustrate the role of Umno as the backbone of the government. -- BERNAMA

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