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PM TO LAUNCH MESRA PROGRAMME

SUNGAI PETANI, March 14 (Bernama) -- About 5,000 people are expected to attend the launch of the state-level "mesra" programme by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at Institut Kemahiran Mara (IKM) Sungai Petani, here, on Monday.

The programme, launched at the national level at Angkasapuri in Kuala Lumpur two months ago, is designed to forge closer relations between the leaders and the people towards ensuring the success of Vision 2020 to make Malaysia a developed country by that year.

Kedah Information Committee chairman Abdullah Hasnan Kamaruddin said after a meeting of the committee, here, today that several events had been lined up for the programme at state-level.

The prime minister would also open the RM1 million hall of the institute to be named "Dewan Mesra Perdana".

Abdullah said Dr Mahathir would be welcomed by 50 children and would also view drawings by 100 children in conjunction with the launch which would be telecast live over RTM's TV 1 -- Bernama

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