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TIME HIGHWAY RADIO, THE OFFICIAL RADIO STATION FOR ORPHANS' GATHERING

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 1 (Bernama) -- Time Highway Radio (THR) will be the official radio station for the Nationwide Mammoth Gathering For Orphans, to be held here on Nov 23-29, in an attempt to change the society's perception of orphans as an underprivileged group.

Azeem Aras, managing director of the Malaysian Orphans Welfare Foundation (Yatim), the co-organiser of the event, said people often had the wrong idea that orphans needed food and clothes when what was fundamentally lacking in them was the motivation to pursue excellence in education.

"We (Yatim) don't want society to think of them as a national liability. Therefore, we must help them to be independent," he said told a news conference, here.

The event, jointly organised by Yatim and Institut Teknologi Mara's (ITM) School of Mass Communication, will be held at the ITM main campus in Shah Alam.

THR, a popular private radio station will announce the gathering through its Studio 12-THREE, Pukul 3 Pagi, Cross Roads Route 1, Double Parking, Ronda-Ronda, Get into Gear, Back to Base, Gold Disc, Expressway and Time Out slots.

THR's general manager Mohamed Nor Mohamed Amin today presented a cheque worth RM36,600 of airtime and daily announcements prior to and during the gathering to Mara School of Mass Communications' lecturer Mohamed Adnan Hashim.

The highlight of the event is a visit by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who is also the patron of Yatim, to the camp on Nov 29.

The event is the first-ever educational camp for orphans from all over the country and about 1,300 orphans have been selected to attend the week-long assembly. -- BERNAMA

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