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200 AVIATION ENTHUSIASTS FLY INTO LANGKAWI NEXT MONTH

KUALA LUMPUR, July 10 (Bernama) -- About 200 aviation enthusiasts are expected to take part in the Langkawi Fly In, Oshkosh East 1997 light aircraft convention and rally in Langkawi on Aug 4-8.

The Langkawi Fly In is the first light aircraft convention ever held in Asia and provides an opportunity to showcase aviation sport as a hobby, highlighting a wide spectrum of activities for acquiring in-depth knowledge on aviation.

Yusof Manan, executive director of Le Proton LIMA Sdn Bhd, organiser of the event, told a news conference here that the objective of the show was to provide a programme for the youth to cultivate an interest in aviation and develop an aviation culture in the next millennium.

He said that so far 125 aircraft from Malaysia, Australia, South Africa, United Kingdom, Italy, Singapore, Indonesia, France, Republic of Czech, Thailand, Netherland and United State of America (USA) had confirmed participation in the Fly In and Malaysia Air Rally.

"They will fly from Melaka-Terengganu-Ipoh-Alor Setar and then to Langkawi," he said.

During the event, the World Record Radio Control Aircraft would be flying from the Esplanade (Pulau Pinang) to Dataran Helang Kuah (Langkawi) by a Malaysian, Mahamad Yusuf Hassan, who broke the world record in 1995.

Mahamad, who had flown 26km from Kuala Perlis to Tanjung Rhu in 1995, told the news conference that he would fly almost 56km next month to break his own record.

"Malaysian also have an opportunity to see the number one world ranking from Japan, G. Naroki fly his aircraft during the show," Mahamad said.

The Langkawi Fly In, Oshkosh East 1997 is scheduled to be opened by will be opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

The five-day event also offers aerial displays, homebuilder's programme, seminars, forums and indoor exhibition, hands-on workshops and flying competitions. -- BERNAMA

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