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Anwar to launch savings campaign for workers

DEPUTY Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim will launch the savings campaign for workers during the Workers' Day celebration on May 3, Human Resources Minister Datuk Lim Ah Lek announced yesterday.

Some 7,000 people are expected to attend the Saturday gathering, including workers from both private and public sectors, heads of Government agencies, corporate figures and leaders of employers and workers unions.

"Following the launch of the campaign, officials from Labour Department will visit every workplace to promote savings among the workers," Lim told a news conference after chairing the National Labour Advisory Council meeting at the ministry in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

The savings campaign for workers is part of the National Savings Campaign launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad earlier this year.

Lim said the theme for this year's Workers Day celebration is "The Savings Culture is the Pillar of Prosperity".

This year's celebration, the seventh of such annual event, is based on the "tripartite solidarity" concept shared among employers, the workers and the Government.

In conjunction with the Workers Day celebration, 12 awards will be presented in recognition of the contribution by workers (four awards), the unions (two awards) and the employers (six awards).

Winners of their respective categories will receive a trophy and a certificate. Winners of the Worker awards and Disabled Worker awards will receive RM2,000, in addition to a trophy and a certificate.

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