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Dialogue on MSC to be highlight of celebration

MALACCA, Wed. - A dialogue on the Multimedia Super Corridor by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will be the highlight of the annual Malacca Historic City celebration which will begin on April 14.

The State Government has also drawn up 37 other events to be held in the State until November.

State Tourism Development and Cultural Committee chairman Datuk Poh Ah Tiam said the dialogue at a leading hotel on April 15 would start at 8am.

Dr Mahathir will conduct the open dialogue via a video-conferencing facility from Kuala Lumpur.

Poh said this year's celebration would be held on a grand scale as the State Government had allocated more than RM500,000 for the event.

Besides a procession of some 30 colourful floats and well-decorated trishaws, a cultural show and a brass band performance will mark the start of the celebration in Taman Chempaka on April 14.

Poh added that more than 100,000 people, including the Yang di-Pertua Negeri of Malacca Tun Syed Ahmad Shahabuddin and Chief Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Zin Abdul Ghani were expected to be present.

Other interesting programmes include a treasure hunt, Melaka Bandaraya Bersejarah run, pesta gendang, a golf tournament, Malacca tourism week, an arm-wrestling competition, a lion dance, Mr Melaka Bandaraya Bersejarah bodybuilding contest, a kite competition, and traditional craft and photo exhibitions.

A pesta pantai, to be held for three consecutive days, beginning Nov 7, will be the finale of the celebration.

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