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Everest feat a boost for mountain-climbing

BIDOR, Sun. - The Malaysian Everest team's success in conquering the world's highest peak will generate more interest in mountain-climbing among the people, Deputy Youth and Sports Minister Datuk Loke Yuen Yow said today.

"It is not easy to generate interest in mountain climbing but the success of our Everest climbers will attract more people to the activity."

He said the Malaysian team had done the nation proud by scaling the peak and raised the sport to an international level.

Loke was speaking to reporters after opening an anti-dadah campaign organised by Chinese youth clubs in Batang Padang district at Choong Hua primary school.

He also said Malaysians could now set their minds on other feats, such as an expedition to the Antartica as this would be fulfilling Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's vision.

Everest team members, M. Magendran and N. Mohandass reached the summit on Friday afternoon.

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