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MIC TO HONOUR EVEREST TEAM

KUALA LUMPUR, June 13 (Bernama) -- The MIC is considering to honour the Everest team in its forthcoming general assembly in early August, said a party spokesman today.

"The next Central Working Committee meeting scheduled for June 20 is likely to discuss the appropriate awards for Magendran and Mohandas and the rest of the team," the spokesman told Bernama.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who will open the two-day assembly on Aug 2 will hand over the awards on behalf of MIC at the Putra World Trade Centre, he said.

M. Magendran and N. Mohandas planted the Malaysian flag on the 8,848-metre peak on May 23, thus becoming the only two Malaysians to have conquered Mount Everest.

The government has announced among others cash rewards of RM50,000 to both of them while the rest of the team will receive cash ranging from RM20,000 to RM40,000. -- BERNAMA

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