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Scout-Jamboree

SCOUT JAMBOREE IN TERENGGANU TO BE THE BEST THERE IS

Besut, Feb 24 (Bernama) -- The Asia Pacific Region Scout Bureau has expressed satisfaction with the preparations made by Terengganu for the 18th Asia Pacific Region Scout Jamboree from Aug 1 to 8.

Bureau Management and Resource Development director M Golam Sattar said he was confident the jamboree would be the best ever since it was first held in 1986.

"A seminar will be held in Kuala Lumpur prior to the jamboree to be attended by officials from 23 countries and the media," he told reporters after briefing delegates from the Asia Pacific Region of the World Scout Movement Organisation here today.

Also present at the briefing was State Education and Human Development Committee Chairman Datuk Abd Rashid Ngah.

The jamboree with the theme "Towards Shaping Excellent Youth" will be held simultaneously with the Eighth National Jamboree at Seri Keluang Camp, Besut.

Datuk Abd Rashid, who is also main organising committee deputy chairman, said the theme was chosen to improve the mentality of the youths in facing challenges in the era of information technology and cultural integration.

He said some 15,000 scouts including 3,000 from other countries were expected to attend the jamboree.

Those who had confirmed their participation were Japan (100 participants), Korea (340), the Phillipines (200) and Thailand (1,000) besides entries from Germany and Finland.

The state government, with the collaboration of the private sector, had allocated RM6 million to organise the event to be held on a 60.8-hectare site, he said.

He said an international youth forum based on the theme would be one of the highlights of the jamboree to be officiated by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad. -- BERNAMA

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