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Lima-Submarines

SUBMARINES MAKE DEBUT AT LIMA `97

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 14 (Bernama) -- Submarines will make a debut at the biennial Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition (Lima `97) next month.

Defence Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar said today Lima `97 to be held from Dec 2 to 7 on the resort island would also have the biggest number of participants ever with 903 companies from 40 countries confirming their participation.

Speaking to reporters after chairing the last Cabinet committee meeting on Lima '97 at his office here, he said he was happy with the overall preparation of the event.

" The infrastructural preparation is very satisfactory as well as security and measures to ensure smooth traffic flow," he said.

He said necessary preparations had been made by all parties involved such as the Langkawi district office, Transport Ministry, Works Ministry and Defence Ministry as well as the corporate sponsors to ensure success of the international event.

Syed Hamid said 642 companies from 35 countries took part in the last Lima in 1995, 375 participants from 23 countries in 1993 and 98 participants from 15 countries for the inaugural Lima in 1991.

This year, there will be 85 aircraft and 50 ships taking part compared with 84 aircraft and 28 ships in 1995, 39 aircraft and 32 ships in 1993 and 22 aircraft and 37 ships in 1991.

Syed Hamid said he would meet Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Monday to update him on the preparations. -- BERNAMA

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