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NATIONAL DAY LOGO REFLECTS PEOPLE'S ASPIRATIONS, SAYS MINISTER

KUALA LUMPUR, May 6 (Bernama) -- Culture, Arts and Tourism Minister Datuk Sabbaruddin Chik unveiled the National Day logo today, saying it reflects the people's aspirations as well as their duties to develop the nation in achieving excellence.

He said it was chosen by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad from among 11 designs presented to him during the last Cabinet meeting on Wednesday.

The logo was designed by newspaper artist Kamarul Khazim Haji Sulaiman of Taman Setiawangsa here.

Sabbaruddin told reporters that the 11 logos had been chosen from some 200 well rated designs submitted for the 1998 National Day logo competition which attracted a total of 3,184 entries.

The minister, who is the National Day Celebration main organising committee chairman, said the logo's chosen concept was in harmony with the theme of the celebrations, "Our nation, our responsibility".

Kamarul Khazim, 27, will receive RM5,000 while the 10 other winners in the adult category will each get RM700 each. There will also be five consolation prizes of RM400 each for secondary schools and another five of RM200 each for primary schools.

Sabbaruddin said the logo design has infused three circles drawn with the basic colours of the Malaysian flag together with the 14-point stars, representing the 13 states and the Federal Territory.

The blue circle takes the form of a man bearing the Malaysia's vision as well as her independence, the white colour symbolising harmony, red for the government strive towards achieving the vision, and yellow for sovereignty.

The celebrations at the national level will be held at the Unversiti Sains Malaysia campus in Pulau Pinang where the government has allocated RM4 million.

Meanwhile, Kamarul Khazim, contacted by Bernama today, said he had not expected his design to be the winning entry.

He has been an artist with the Utusan Melayu (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd for the last five years.

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