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PENANG BRIDGE TO BE CLOSED FOR TWO HOURS ON SUNDAY

PULAU PINANG, Aug 29 (Bernama) -- Penang Bridge will be closed for two hours from 4pm on Sunday to traffic flowing in from the mainland to the island to facilitate the EON Penang Bridge Merdeka Proton Drive.

EON Berhad Managing Director Datuk Adzmi Abdul Wahab said in a statement here today Jalan Perusahaan Perai would also be closed to traffic from 2pm for the on-site registration and assembly of the convoy.

He said 10 registration counters would be installed to ensure the expeditious registration of the 1,998 entries comprising Proton car owners.

He also requested participants to observe the direction signs posted throughout Jalan Perusahaan.

He said that over 100 EON crew members and marshalls were being deployed to facilitate the smooth flow of traffic in the area leading to the bridge.

"Proton owners who are by chance travelling to the island and intending to arrive via the bridge from 4pm can join a special lane dedicated for free participants where toll charges are sponsored by EON," he said.

However, he said the special lane is limited and subject to traffic conditions.

The EON Penang Bridge Merdeka Proton Drive is being held in conjunction with the 41st Merdeka Day celebration here this year. Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will lead the convoy at 5.15pm.

Entries for the event are still being accepted and late entries should be submitted to EON's on-site registration counters at Jalan Perusahaan, which would be open from 10am on Sunday.

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