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PRIME MINISTER LAUNCHES FLORAL PARADE

KUALA LUMPUR, June 5 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad launched the annual Floral Parade '98 at Dataran Merdeka which was packed with about 3,000 spectators including foreign tourists here today.

A total of 10 floats decorated with flowers and 18 bands took part in the parade which carries the theme "Games and Pastimes".

The event is a part of the week-long Floral Fest celebration beginning today. It was started in 1991 to enhance tourism activities.

Among those taking part in the floats competition are several states, Malaysia Airlines, Kuala Lumpur City Hall and the Kuala Lumpur Tourism Association.

Also present was Culture, Arts and Tourism Minister Datuk Sabbaruddin Chik.

Dr Mahathir is expected to present prizes and souvenirs to the various winners of the floats parade.

At stake are the Premier Trophy, Theme Trophy, Creative Trophy, Parade Special Trophy and Jury Special Award.

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