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Regatta highlight of Karambunai Merdeka Carnival

KOTA KINABALU, Thurs. - A regatta will be held in Sabah in conjunction with the National Day celebrations.

The regatta is one of the main events of the first Karambunai Merdeka Carnival to be held at the Nexus Golf Resort Karambunai, about 40km from here, on Sunday.

There will be 35 sail boats comprising of professional participants, both local and international.

The other events lined up for the full-day carnival are hot air balloon rides, fun float parade, food and fun fair, stage performances, watersports show and sunset concert.

About 700 people will be taking part in the day-long event.

The carnival is being organised by the Karambunai Resorts Sdn Bhd, Nexus Golf Resort Karambunai and Karambunai Resorts Golf Club of the FACB Group of Companies.

This is the first major Merdeka carnival spearheaded by the private sector in collaboration with the State Government.

As a result of FACB Group's commitment to the carnival, the State Merdeka Celebrations Committee has adopted it as an official event of the State-level National Day celebrations.

The regatta will be an annual event.

The carnival, from 9am to 7pm, will be launched by Chief Minister Tan Sri Bernard Dompok. Admission is free.

The organiser is also providing free transportation from 14 strategic locations within the municipality.

Events at the carnival are designed for people of all ages to promote patriotism, healthy living and eco-tourism.

The fun parade will feature 20 superbikes, 10 floats, 30 interesting vehicles, two brass bands, 10 police bagpipers, 10 Bajau horsemen, cartoon characters, clowns and 200 traditional and cultural performances.

There will be a Ms & Master Nexie competition and beachwear display, and a concert.

On the carnival grounds, there will be food and games booths.

Ground breaking of the Nexus Golf Resort Karambunai was performed by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in 1996.

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