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10 floats to take part in floral parade

TEN flower-decked floats from State Governments and other organisations will participate in the Floral Parade tomorrow at Dataran Merdeka, Kuala Lumpur.

Participants will include Kuala Lumpur City Hall, the Shah Alam Municipal Council, Kuala Lumpur Tourist Association, Pempena Sdn Bhd, Malaysia Airlines and Kentucky Fried Chicken Holdings (Malaysia) Bhd.

States participating include Penang, Johor and Negri Sembilan.

Culture, Arts and Tourism Deputy Minister Datuk Teng Gaik Kwan had visited the Jalan Ipoh Pasar Tani site on Thursday, where floats for the floral parade were being constructed and prepared.

Also present at the site were Malaysia Tourism Promotion Board (special events division) director Dalilah Ahmad.

The eighth floral parade will start the Flora Fest '98 and will be launched by the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohammad in front of Sultan Abdul Samad Building at 8am.

Judging will be based on creativity, animation, usage of flowers, appropriateness to the theme and technical theme to win the Premier Trophy.

The awards ceremony will be held immediately after the parade.

The Prime Minister will give away the prizes.

Other trophies to be won are Theme Trophy, Creative Trophy, Parade Special Trophy and Jury Special Award.

After the presentation, there will be performances by brass bands from City Hall, Malaysian Armed Forces, Fire Brigade, Malaysian Sikh Band and Sultan Ibrahim Girls School.

In conjunction with the fest, a Floral Mushaf Arts will be held at the Memorial Tunku Abdul Rahman from tomorrow to July 25.

The art exhibition will portray the beauty of Islamic calligraphy in floral patterns.

Other activities will include Malaysian Fruit Sale (tomorrow to July 12) and Flora Jazz Festival (July 11 and 12) at Pasar Tani and Selangor Mini Florade '98 (July 12) at Petaling Jaya Civic Centre.

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