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All set for world event on Mount Kinabalu

HOT FAVOURITE ... This is reigning World Mountain Running champion Jonathan Wyatt, of New Zealand, who will be defending his title at the 15th World Mountain Running Trophy to be held at Mount Kinabalu, Sabah, on Sept 18.

Wyatt is holding aloft a promotion poster of the race, also featuring local hopeful Guainus Salagan.

Wyatt, who won the World Mountain running title at the Frence Reunion Island last year, arrived in Sabah five days ago with a group of competitors from his country and Australia.

"I have tried out the track and I am optimistic of doing well," said the 26-year-old New Zealander who also won the Second Kuala Lumpur Towerthon recently.

A total of 365 runners and team officials have confirmed participation in the race to be flagged off by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Journalists from international print and electronic media will be covering the world event. Malaysia's challenge will come from Sea Games gold medallist M. Ramachandran and Salagan, who won the Mount Kinabalu Climbathon in 1997.

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