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AMERICAN BATTLE CRUISER TO TAKE PART IN LIMA '99

LANGKAWI, Oct 7 (Bernama) -- An American battle cruiser will be among 33 ships from eight countries to take part in the maritime segment of the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition (LIMA '99) from Nov 30 to Dec 5.

LIMA '99 Maritime Working Committee Secretary Lt Komander Jumali Jabon said that apart from the American fast warship, visitors would also have the opportunity to see warships from France, Thailand, the Philippines, Pakistan, Singapore, Britain and India at the maritime show to be held at Tanjong Malai.

In all, invitations had been extended to 28 countries to take part in the maritime segment, he told reporters after a meeting here today.

Jumali said Malaysia would send 20 ships including two Royal Malaysian Navy (TLDM) vessels which arrived recently from Italy and another to arrive soon from the United Kingdom.

Four foreign luxury ships would also take in this year's maritime exhibition to be declared open by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Meanwhile, the Langkawi District Council (MDL) is organising a competition for the best lighted premises on the island in conjunction with LIMA '99. Entry forms are now available from the MDL office.

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