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Cheer for orphans and the elderly at hoisting ceremony

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. - Culture, Arts and Tourism Ministry has invited 1,000 orphans and elderly people from welfare homes here to witness the hoisting of the Jalur Gemilang at Stadium Nasional in Bukit Jalil on Monday.

Its Parliamentary Secretary Datuk Mohd Nor Rejab said besides participating in the last National Day celebrations of this century, they would also get to listen to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's expectations for the future.

They will also witness Dr Mahathir's speech being inserted into a time-capsule to be kept for 100 years.

Mohd Nor said the Prime Minister would officially launch the "Centennial Towards A New Millennium" celebrations on Aug 30. The celebrations will begin on Sept 1 until Aug 31, 2001.

"Before midnight, a three-hour concert featuring local pop artistes, dance troupes and cultural performances will be held to entertain an estimated 60,000 crowd including the orphans and elderly people.

"The event is expected to leave a lasting impression on the audiences, both at Stadium Nasional and at home."

Mohd Nor said despite the country's development the unfortunate should not be forgotten.

"The progress should be extended to others especially young orphans who need guidance and assistance.

"These orphans could also become our future leaders. As such, they should be given the necessary assistance from now."

Mohd Nor later presented 1,000 free concert tickets to representatives from Tunku Budriah orphanage and Seri Kenangan old folks home at the Ministry here.

The tickets are eligible for a lucky draw which offers a Proton Satria GTi, a Jaguh motorcycle, a Kris motorcycle and other prizes like free golf memberships and holiday packages.

Also present were the Ministry's deputy secretary-general Datuk Tengku Alaudin Tengku Abdul Majid and National Unity and Social Development Ministry's assistant secretary (management) Kamarudin Abd Ghapar.

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