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DPM: Join celebrations at National Stadium

KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. - Malaysians from all walks of life are urged to join in the "Malaysia's Centennial Towards the Next Millennium" celebration which will coincide with the 42nd National Day at the National Stadium in Bukit Jalil.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said he hoped that the people would attend the historic occasion as not only would it be the last National Day celebration in this century but also a good way to show their love for the country.

"The programmes lined up for the celebration are special as they are a combination of entertainment and patriotism for the enjoyment of the whole family."

The celebration will replace the National Day flag-raising ceremony usually held at Dataran Merdeka.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is expected to launch the celebration at 8pm which will be televised "live" by Radio Televisyen Malaysia.

"I am confident that the crowd will be enthralled by the programmes."

Abdullah said as the country was approaching the new millennium, a multimedia approach would be used during the event where for the first time, the Menteri Besar and Chief Ministers would join Dr Mahathir in a video-conference.

Abdullah, who attended the full dress rehearsal of the event, said he was satisfied with the preparations and was confident that the programmes would go according to plan.

Also present was Culture, Arts and Tourism minister Datuk Abdul Kadir Sheikh Fadzir.

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