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PM to open civil service family day carnival, golf club

KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. - Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is scheduled to open the inaugural Civil Service Family Day Carnival to be held at the Kelab Golf Perkhidmatan Awam in Bukit Kiara here next Sunday.

About 3,000 civil servants are expected to attend.

Organising committee chairman Datuk Dr Abdullah Tahir said it would be the first time all Ministries and government departments would be taking part in a Family Day gathering.

The organisers have lined up several events to mark the occasion, including telematch for children, sky-diving, magic shows, sports, exhibitions and stage shows.

Abdullah said the Prime Minister was also scheduled to officially open the RM20 million golf club the same day.

The 108ha club, opened in 1992, has 27 holes and has been described as one of the more challenging courses in the country.

"The Government gave us a RM10 million grant and another RM10 million loan which we have to pay back.

"This is a very basic golf course but we intend to upgrade the facilities."

He said the fee charged to members and the public here was the lowest in the Klang Valley.

Abdullah, who is also the Entrepreneur Development Ministry's secretary-general, said among the facilities available at the club were a golf driving range, gymnasium, squash and tennis courts and meeting rooms which also catered for the public.

The first 18 holes, costing RM6.8 million, was completed in 1991 while the remaining nine were developed at a cost of RM3.7 million three years later.

The club now has about 2,000 members, comprising government officials and staff as well as members of the public with membership fee of between RM4,000 and RM5,000.

In conjunction with the opening ceremony, a golf tournament between the club and National Chamber of Commerce and Industry Malaysia will be held on Saturday to vie for the Prime Minister's Trophy.

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