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PM to join 10,000 youths in giant rally

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will join 10,000 youths in a mammoth rally to celebrate National Youth Day at Stadium Putra in Bukit Jalil, on Saturday.

MYC president Saifuddin Abdullah said its members from 32 affiliates would stage the gathering once Dr Mahathir had officially launched the celebrations under the theme "Patriotic Youths can Strengthen the Nation's Stability".

The Prime Minister is also expected to speak on the patriotic spirit among Malaysian youths and how they could fulfil the expectations of Independence especially in the new millennium.

Saifuddin said MYC would explain to youths what patriotism was about.

"Patriotism can also be demonstrated through efforts to revive the country's economy, attain success in the corporate sector or emerge victorious in certain sports."

He was speaking at a Press conference at the International Youth Hostel in Bandar Tun Razak today.

Besides the mammoth rally, Saifuddin said there would be a special concert staged by local artistes like Erra Fazira and Camelia together with pop groups A-to-Z, Attitude and nasyid group Raihan.

An exhibition on the motor industry and the nation's efforts to stage international racing events here, like the recent Formula One championship, would be held.

There will also be free go-kart rides for the public from 10am onwards.

Saifuddin said MYC had combined with Zaifa, a motoring company, to set up a motorsports club inline with the Malaysia Incorporated concept. It has purchased 30 racing cars for its members.

"Our intention is to enhance the country's image by discovering our local talents and encouraging the active participation of youths in such a challenging sporting event."

He said MYC-Zaifa were harbouring hopes of becoming the first Asian champions for future F-1 championships and were intensifying their efforts to produce a professional racing driver.

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