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N-Day celebration to boost Selangor tourism

SHAH ALAM, Wed. - The 43rd National Day celebration in Selangor is expected to attract thousands of local and foreign visitors as it coincides with the Visit Selangor Year 2000.

Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Abu Hassan Omar will kick off the celebration by launching the "Bulan Kemerdekaan" and Jalur Gemilang campaigns on Aug 17 at the Dataran Merdeka.

Some 5,000 youths are expected to participate in the launch.

On Aug 26, Culture, Arts and Tourism Minister Datuk Abdul Kadir Sheikh Fadzir will open the National Day logo exhibition at Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah museum.

"Members of the public can view the exhibition from Aug 26 to Sept 17," he told reporters after chairing the State Executive Council meeting today.

On Aug 29, Abu Hassan said the Regent of Selangor Tengku Idris Shah would participate in the Bacaan Yasin, Tahlil and Doa Selamat at Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah mosque.

On Aug 30, the Yang Di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Siti Aishah, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, his deputy Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, Ministers and dignitaries will attend a State banquet at Dewan Jubli Perak.

Dr Mahathir will then attend the Merdeka 2000 event at Dataran Shah Alam, where several activities and programmes such as Peoples' Game Fair, cultural dances and a performance by the National Symphony Orchestra are held.

The highlight of the event will be the multi-racial cultural show themed "Keragaman Malaysia" to be performed by 100 people.

At the stroke of midnight, Dr Mahathir will cry out "Merdeka" seven times before raising the Jalur Gemilang.

This will be followed by fireworks and concerts by popular artistes.

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