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Farmers

DR M TO LAUNCH BUKIT JALIL FARMERS' DAY BASH ON JULY 22

KUALA LUMPUR, July 18 (Bernama) -- Bigger prizes, in some cases double that of last year's, await the best performers at this year's national-level farmers, livestock rearers and fishermen's day celebration.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is scheduled to launch the celebration at Stadium Putra in Bukit Jalil on July 22, said Farmers' Organisation Authority chairman Tan Sri Mustafa Jabar.

Organisers had set aside RM3.2 million for the nine-day celebration which will see the participation of 7,000 farmers, livestock rearers and fishermen nation-wide, Mustafa told a news conference here today.

This year's celebration, carrying the theme "towards a leading edge agro-industry", will be held simultaneously with the Maha 2000 (Malaysian Agricultural, Horticultural and Agrotourism) exposition.

It is the second Maha show since being revived.

Among the prizes offered this year are;

- * best farmers' association - RM20,000 (last year RM10,000)
- * best fishermen's association - RM20,000 (RM10,000)
- * best male farmer - RM5,000 (RM3,000)
- * best female farmer - RM5,000 (RM3,000)

However, Mustafa said, there is no winner for this year's top female farmer.

The celebration ends on July 30.

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