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Glory-Flowers

FLOWERY "STRIPES OF GLORY" TO CAPTIVATE VISITORS

SHAH ALAM, Oct 20 (Bernama) -- The "Stripes of Glory" made of thousands of colourful orchids is expected to captivate visitors to the Plaza Alam Sentral here when it is put to display between 9pm and midnight today.

The Malaysian flag, measuring 4.5 metres by 4.2 metres, is made up of 6,000 orchids.

The biggest flowery design to make it in the Malaysia Book of Records is in conjunction with the Malaysian Environmental Week.

Wife to the Selangor Menteri Besar Zahrah Kechik will put the last orchid in place to complete the design of the "Stripes of Glory" during the "Press Fresh Flower" this evening, said the Assistant Controller of Selangor Department of Environment (JAS) Monaliza Mohd Yusof.

She said, in all 2,000 red orchids, 2,000 white orchids, 1,800 blue orchids and 200 yellow orchids were used for the unique design which cost RM15,000.

"It will put on display at the plaza for a week before relocate to the Department of Environment office in Putrarjaya," she told a news conference.

Selangor is the venue of this year's Malaysian Environmental Week.

Monaliza said other interesting activities would also be held during the week such as drawing competition, appreciation concert, environmental forum, environmental awareness camp and "Envirohunt".

Science, Technology and Environment Minister Datuk Law Hieng Ding is expected to represent Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at the launching ceremony at Shah Alam Square tomorrow.

She said, in the evening the Yang Dipertuan Agong Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah was expected to present the "Langkawi Award" to winners at Grand Blue Wave Hotel here.

The prestigious award, which includes RM10,000, is given to individuals in recognition of services towards creating greater environmental awareness at the national and international level.

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