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FOREIGN LITERARY FIGURES START TO ARRIVE IN LANGKAWI FOR POETRY DAY

LANGKAWI, Nov 3 (Bernama) -- Literary figures from South Africa and Britain are among the foreign participants who arrived here today for the 15th National Poetry Day at the Kampung Tok Senik resort here.

Poetry Day Director Abdul Rahman Ahmad said their participation would add colour to the Poetry Day scheduled to be open by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad tomorrow night.

He said representatives from Asean countries like Brunei, Indonesia, Thailand and hosts Malaysia were among 200 poets who also arrived in this legendary island for the gathering.

The gathering of national literary figures and poets started in 1971 at Pantai Kundur in Tanjung Keling, Melaka. The last gathering was held in Seremban last year.

Recital of special poems and rendition of poetic songs by well-known poets are among the programmes to be held at Dataran Lang tonight, as a prelude to tomorrow's official opening, he told reporters here.

The participants would be treated to a traditional dinner and cultural show at Kampung Bayas in Ulu Melaka here.

Organised by the state government, the National Poetry Day is jointly managed by the Kedah Cultural Council, Kedah National Literary Movement and Federation of National Writers' Associations in collaboration with the Culture, Arts and Tourism Ministry, Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka and Langkawi Development Authority (LADA).

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