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Interesting programme for Wanita 2000

KUALA LUMPUR, Thur. - Interesting events have been lined up for the month of August which is dedicated to women who have contributed to national development.

The Wanita 2000 programme aims at making women's voices heard and to give them equality in national development while thanking them for their sacrifices.

Jointly organised by the Women's Affairs Department and the National Advisory Council for the Integration of Women in Development, it will kick off with a two-day conference.

With the theme "Nur - Bermula Denganmu" (Lighting the way forward) women can also partake in any of the 14 activities such as Nur Interactive, Pohon Impian, Nur Creative or Tapestri Nur.

Tapestri Nur is where women in every State will sew a unity patchwork tapestry and assemble it at the esplanade of the KLCC on Aug 27. Pohon Impian is where women can share their hopes and dreams and Nur Creative will provide an opportunity to meet some of Malaysia's most creative women.

Wanita 2000 will climax with a mega celebration where 10,000 women are expected to participate in a stirring ceremony to be officiated by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Naciwid chairman Datuk Dr Nik Safiah Karim said:

"The Women 2000 Special Conference on Aug 17 and 18 aims to include women in all chapters of development for the Eighth Malaysia Plan, and to review the national women policy and the action plan.

"When the action plan and policy were drafted in 1989, women were still conservative. It needs a review to make it more specific and in line with current needs and challenges.

"It needs to be made more acceptable, gender sensitised and more relevant for women in the new millennium," Nik Safiah said.

To date About 200 women have signed up for the conference, comprising participants from all sectors, including the private and public sectors, senators and members of Parliament, non-governmental organisations, institutions of higher learning and professionals.

The conference has outlined a wide range of topics for round table discussions to be chaired and facilitated by prominent women.

Among the topics are politics, information technology, entrepreneurship, human rights, environment and housing, family development, leadership and decision making, science and research, unity in diversity and sports.

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