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Ironman-Langkawi

KEDAH MB LAUNCHES IRONMAN MALAYSIA TRIATHLON WEBPAGE

LANGKAWI, Feb 12 (Bernama) -- Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Syed Abdul Razak Syed Zain today launched the webpage for the Ironman Malaysia Triathlon, a qualifying race of the most challenging mental and physical endurance race ever to be held in the region.

The webpage's address is at www.ironmanlangkawi.com.my

Malaysia is the only country in Southeast Asia to host the qualifying race which will be held on the island on May 28.

More than 100 local and foreign participants including from the United States, France, Germany, Australia, Hong Kong, Thailand and the Philippines have so far signed up for the race with the prize-money of RM95,000 (US\$25,000).

Syed Abdul Razak said some 500 athletes were expected to take part in the qualifying race for the finals in Kona, Hawaii in September.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is expected to officiate the race.

The Ironman Malaysia Triathlon consists of 3.8km swim in the waters off Kuah town, followed by a 180.2km bicycle race and a 42.2km full marathon race around the island.

Eleven countries including South Africa, New Zealand, United States, France, Canada and Japan have so far held the qualifying races for the championship.

Syed Abdul Razak also witnessed the signing of an agreement between the Kedah government and Executive Promotions Sdn Bhd for the setting up of Langkawi Ironman Endurance Marathon Sdn Bhd which would organise the race.

The Kedah government was represented by State Secretary Datuk Haji Ismail Shafie while Executive Promotions by its executive chairman Zaaba Aman at the signing ceremony.

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