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PM to flag-off the iron men

PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will flag-off the Malaysian Ironman Triathlon Challenge in Langkawi on May 28.

Ironman Langkawi organisers Liem Sdn Bhd said the Prime Minister would also attend the opening ceremony of the world-class competition at Hotel Sheraton Perdana, Langkawi on May 26.

A total of 130 local and foreign triathletes have confirmed participation in the event.

The foreign competitors are from Japan, Australia, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Italy, Korea, New Zealand, Singapore, South Africa, Taiwan and United States.

"Malaysia will be represented by 34 triathletes," said Liem managing director Datuk Sri Ram Sharma in a statement issued in Langkawi yesterday.

Fifteen top finishers in Langkawi qualify for the World Ironman Triathlon Championship in Kona, Hawaii on Oct 22.

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