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Promoting scuba diving at boat show

KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. - Visitors to the 10th Malaysia International Boat Show 2000 will have the opportunity to indulge in the deep water art of scuba diving.

The president of the Malaysian Scuba Diving Association Mukhriz Mahathir said this was a good opportunity to introduce scuba diving to a wider audience and promote it as a safe sport.

"Our beaches and islands have immense potential as dive havens with their crystal clear waters and rich marine life."

Mukhriz said that there was a common perception that scuba diving was an expensive pastime, when in fact the diving industry on the whole affords a host of career and business opportunities to those who are involved in it.

Among the activities that the MSDA will have during the event is the Padi Bubble Maker, a fun-filled activity for children who are between eight and 12 years of age.

There will also be a photography exhibit entitled "A Pictorial Underwater Photography Pathway" depicting the many wonders of the local marine life.

There will also be professionally guided diving demonstrations for beginners, and scuba dives for those who are interested.

The activities mentioned above are open to the public free of charge. All diving equipment will be provided by the MSDA.

The MIBS will be held from Nov 9 to 12 at the Admiral Marina and Leisure Club at Port Dickson from 10am to 7pm daily. Tickets are priced at RM4 for adults and RM2 for children.

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