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Showcase of technology in agriculture

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. - The Malaysia Agriculture, Horticulture and Agrotourism Show 2000 (Maha 2000) will become a showcase of the changes in science and technology in agriculture, said Agriculture Minister Datuk Mohd Effendi Norwawi.

Visitors will be able to witness the latest agro technology currently in use, he said.

"We are focusing on technology prospecting but the challenge is to transfer the technology for farmers' use."

Investors will also be able to witness the readiness of the ministry and its 12 agencies to provide aid and support towards developing agricultural sectors, he told reporters at the National Sports Complex today.

More than two million visitors are expected at Maha 2000 which will be launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad tomorrow.

Organised by the Agriculture Ministry with a vision of moving towards modern agriculture, Maha 2000 will showcase new research discoveries, sophisticated technology and high-quality agricultural products.

Following the success of last years's exposition which registered RM5 million worth of on-the-spot sales, Maha 2000 is expected to draw in sales between RM1 billion and RM2 billion.

Held in conjunction with the National Farmers Day, the nine-day show will feature indoor and outdoor exhibits from various agricultural sectors spread over more than 17,500 square metres.

For trade visitors, Maha 2000 Business Club will provide opportunities for networking and promoting business-to-business activities from Monday to Thursday.

Maha 2000 will be held at the National Sports Complex from 10am to 10pm from tomorrow to July 30.

Admission fees are RM3 for adults and RM1 for students, senior citizens and the underprivileged. Entrance is free for children below 1.22m (four feet).

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