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Youths

30,000 TO CELEBRATE NATIONAL YOUTH DAY IN IPOH

KUALA LUMPUR, May 14 (Bernama) -- A total of 30,000 youths from throughout the country are expected to converge at the Stadium Perak, Ipoh, tomorrow night in conjunction with the national-level Youth Day celebrations.

This year's celebrations are jointly hosted by the Ministry of Youth and Sports, the Malaysian Youth Council and the Perak government. About ten activities have been scheduled to coincide with the celebrations.

The highlight of the celebrations tomorrow, dubbed the National Youth Day Assembly, would be the presentation of the National Youth Award by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, the ministry said in a statement.

The award is in recognition of the role played by youths in nation building.

The assembly is expected to begin 8pm.

This year's National Youth Day is themed "Volunteerism as a Catalyst to Unity" in line with the International Volunteerism Year.

Among the other activities planned are the International Youth Festival, Convention on Volunteerism and Youths, Youth Run, Expo on Exhibition and Information for Youth, Volunteers Camp, Extreme Sports Exhibition and a Youth Blood Donation drive.

Seventy-seven per cent of Malaysia's population are below 40 years old and about 10 million of this figure are those between the ages of 15 to 39.

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