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### Eight-year-old set to stir up patriotic feelings

KOTA BARU, Tues. - Captivated by his poetry reading skill, the Malaysian Youth Council has specially sent for eight-year-old Muhammad Izz Taufiq Sazalee to stir patriotic feelings of participants at the coming "New Millenium Patriotism" gathering.

Muhammad Izz Taufiq, who is a Standard Two pupil at Sekolah Kebangsaan Bukit Marak in Bachok, will be among more than 10,000 youths nationwide who will converge at the Malawati Stadium in Shah Alam in Selangor for the Feb 18 gathering.

He will make his presence felt with his recital of a patriotic poem entitled Di Halaman Kembang Sepatu Ini, Selamanya Sejahteralah Warga composed by his father Sazalee Yacob.

The youngster was introduced to the Press by Malaysian Youth Council assistant secretary Mohd Rosdan Abu Bakar.

Muhammad Izz Taufiq will be among the 1,000 participants from Kelantan who comprise members of several non-governmental organisations, including youth associations, association of mini-car owners and high-powered motorcycle clubs.

Mohd Rosdan said members of the mini-car owners association and the motorcycle club would leave for the gathering on Feb 16 adding that they would be flagged-off at the State Sports Complex in Panji.

A total of 14 buses carrying the other participants will also leave on the same day for the gathering, he added.

The gathering, to be attended by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, is open to all youths in the country, irrespective of race and religion.

The main objective of the gathering is to inculcate and instil in people the spirit and meaning of patriotism.

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