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Putrajaya-Celebration

ELABORATE PROGRAMME TO CELEBRATE PUTRAJAYA FT DECLARATION

PUTRAJAYA, Jan 19 (Bernama) -- The Perbadanan Putrajaya Sdn Bhd has drawn up an attractive programme to mark the declaration of Putrajaya as a Federal Territory.

The celebrations would be spread over two days -- Feb 1 and 2.

Its Director of Corporate Services Shamsiah Jamaluddin said today the various events would follow after the declaration was made at the Dataran Perdana at about 8.30am.

"The main events of the celebration will be in the lake area and Dataran Putra which are tourist areas and occupy a significant place in Putrajaya's development," she told a media conference here.

Among the events on Feb 1 in the lake area would be a fly past by helicopters, a kite flying event, kayak, dragon boat and traditional sampan display and also a rowing competition.

Visitors will have the opportunity to tour the Astaka Pameran and witness a skating competition, a BMX Bicycle race and roller blade race.

On Feb 2, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad would open the Putrajaya Wetland Park in conjunction with World Wetland Day.

Some 500 youths from secondary schools, universities and youth bodies would take part in the Wetland Discovery Hunt.

A bird singing contest would also be held in the park which covers 650 hectares.

There would also be cultural presentations by the Petronas Arts Troupe, Indian Temple of Fine Arts Troupe and by the Chinese Drama House at night.

The celebrations would end with a fireworks display.

Artiste Siti Nurhaliza and the Raihan Nasyid Group would present a number of songs from their albums.

Shamsiah said some 10,000 people were expected to take part in the celebrations.

A car park had been provided and there would also be bus services.

Meanwhile Kuala Lumpur City Hall had lined up 15 events to mark the 27th anniversary of its declaration as a Federal Territory on Feb 1.

KL City Hall Deputy Director-General (Administration and Services) Halijah Othman said the events included the Kuala Lumpur Run at the Merdeka Square, KL International Tower Jump 2001, an angling competition, a seven-a-side rugby event, an expo and convention at the Hotel Nikko.

"The convention organised by the Asian Strategy and Leadership Institute (ASLI) will discuss the development of Kuala Lumpur as a world city as well as a regional financial and commercial centre."

Halijah said KL City Hall had allocated about RM800,000 for this year's celebrations.

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