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Gear up for Colours of Malaysia

THE third Colours of Malaysia event on May 26 is set to be the biggest parade ever held in the country.

Themed Malaysian Legends, the programme will involve 5,100 participants, compared to 4,000 in the previous year in a colourful and extravagant show depicting legends and myths from each Malaysian State.

Featured are Legend Tok Dagang from Kuala Lumpur (depicting the history of Kampung Abdullah Hukum), Panglima Huminodon from Sabah and Bahtera Melewar from Negri Sembilan. Most of these are lesser known legends.

"It will portray the richness, beauty, customs and cultures of the multi-racial population of Malaysia through the parade," says Culture, Arts and Tourism Minister Datuk Abdul Kadir Sheikh Fadzir.

With the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Siti Aishah in attendance, the 1.5 km procession will start from Dataran Merdeka passing through Jalan Raja Laut to Jalan Tuanku Abdul Rahman.

Also expected at the opening ceremony are Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Cabinet members.

The night will also feature performances from local artistes on three stages erected at three locations - the City Hall building, Mara building and Wisma G. S. Gill.

Besides the 1,500 invited guests comprising foreign travel agency representatives and media, the parade is expected to draw a 100,000 crowd.

A complete guide on the activities for the month-long programme is available in a guide book. Activities will be held in every State focusing on arts and craft, culture, food and clothes.

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