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PATA-Dinner

GRAND WELCOME DINNER AWAITS PATA DELEGATES

KUALA LUMPUR, March 28 (Bernama) -- Some 3,000 guests, comprising delegates, members of the foreign and local media, will be treated to a grand dinner on April 8, in conjunction with the 50th Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) Annual Conference.

Executive director of the Malaysian Association of Hotels (MAH) Sarjit Singh told Bernama today that the dinner would be jointly hosted by 16 hotels from Kuala Lumpur, Petaling Jaya and Shah Alam.

The "Welcoming Dinner", to be held at the Kuala Lumpur City Centre Esplanade here would have 25 Malaysian popular dishes such as "mee goreng, kuey teow, tandoori, roti jala, roti canai, tosai and teh tarik" served hawker style.

"Each hotel will put up a booth each offering different types of Malaysian food," he said.

A cultural show, depicting the various multi-ethnic cultures of the Malaysian society, would be staged by the Malaysia Tourism Promotion Board (Tourism Malaysia), said Sarjit.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad would declare open the five-day conference, to be attended by some 2,000 delegates from 70 member countries, beginning April 8.

Sarjit also said the Culture, Arts and Tourism Ministry has invited Yang di-Pertuan Agung Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah and Dr Mahathir to attend the dinner.

He said 12 participating hotels for the PATA conference have allocated 880 rooms for delegates and conference officials while hospitality desks, to assist delegates, would also be set up.

Besides, complimentary rooms would also be provided for the foreign media, courtesy of Tourism Malaysia, he added.

He said the 400-member association would also work closely with the PATA Malaysian Chapter to encourage more hotels to participate in a one-day symposium entitled, "Conservation-Our Key to The Future", to be held simultaneously with the conference on April 8.

"The Malaysian Chapter has agreed to give special rates and we are trying to get as many hotels to participate," he said.

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