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Pata-Recycling  
PATA TO PROMOTE RECYCLING

KUALA LUMPUR, April 3 (Bernama) -- The 12 participating hotels of the Pacific Asia Travel Association's (Pata) 50th annual conference, here, will be doing their bit for a better environment by providing special bins for recycling.

Malaysian Association of Hotels (MAH) executive director Sarjit Singh said today this was in line with a proposal on the recycling by the Pata board of directors in Hawaii recently in view of the importance of a better global environment.

He said the idea was to encourage guests in hotels to bring their excess or waste papers to special bins placed on each floor or in the lobby for the purpose of recycling.

"This is first time such a thing is being done at a Pata conference. Pata hopes it will become a trend among other hotels in future," he told Bernama, here.

Sarjit Singh said that usually papers were left in the rooms and the housekeeping maids had to collect them for disposal.

The conference is expected to draw some 1,800 delegates from the tourism-related fields such as airlines, shipping lines, travel agents and tour operators.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will officially open the five-day conference on April 8.

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