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PM to launch tourism festival

MALACCA, Sat. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is expected to launch the Malacca Tourism Festival which will be held from Feb 23 to 25 in Kuala Lumpur.

Chief Minister Datuk Wira Mohd Ali Rustam said the event would be held in Bukit Bintang.

"Dr Mahathir is expected to launch the event," he said at the launching of the Malacca International Kite Festival. His speech was read by State Youth and Sports committee chairman Datuk R. Raghavan today.

Mohd Ali said the tourism fare would also be held in Johor Baru and Penang, while foreign destinations included Singapore, Pekan Baru, Indonesia, and Dubai in the United Arab Emirates.

He said the active promotion undertaken by the State Government and hoteliers had resulted in a 37.12 per cent increase in hotel occupancy rate.

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