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Two Rakan Muda aircraft on display at carnival

KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. - The public will be able to view two Rakan Muda light experimental aircraft up close during the Karnival Bersamamu at Dataran Merdeka on Sept 1 and 2.

The planes, which were involved in the Asean Voyage of Friendship expedition recently, will be on static display during the 24-hour carnival. Expedition leader Abdul Latif Endot said 16 Rakan Muda trainee junior pilots and four senior pilots will also be on hand to speak to the people.

He said the planes and the expedition were clear proof of the courage, and endurance of Malaysian youth. "We want to show the public that this is what our youths can do when they put their minds to it," he said.

There may also be plans to screen video footage of the expedition. The two Zodiac 9M-ERM, 9M-ERA light experimental aircraft were assembled by the Rakan Muda team.

In the Asean Voyage of Friendship expedition, the pilots from the Rakan Muda programme flew to nine Asean countries to hand over invitations for the Sea Games in Kuala Lumpur next month to their respective leaders.

The expedition was launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on July 14 as part of the Rakan Muda aviation development programme.

The carnival is organised to raise funds for the Bersamamu... at Sea Games XXI RM1 charity fund to purchase tickets for the underprivileged for the SEA Games.

Highlights of the carnival include a "Midnight Walk With The Stars" as well as the launch of Malaysia's first "Wall of Fame".

Other interesting activities include a brass band and martial arts performances, an aero model remote control show, deejay try-outs, karaoke sessions, Karnival Rakan Muda and extreme sports.

The carnival, organised by the Youth and Sports Ministry and Kuala Lumpur City Hall, will begin at 1pm on Sept 1 and end at noon the next day. The fund is organised by the New Straits Times, TV3 and ERA radio.

More information can be obtained at 03-80240908.

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