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15,000 participate in walk

KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. - A total of 15,000 people were involved in the "Merdeka Walk Programme 2002" from Malacca to Beranang in Hulu Langat, near the Negeri Sembilan-Selangor border, today.

The group was joined at Beranang by another 5,000 people who marched towards Putrajaya passing through Semenyih, Kajang, Sepang, Morib, Dengkil, Cyberjaya, Puchong and Seri Kembangan.

At Beranang, Negeri Sembilan Exco member Zakaria Nordin handed over the Jalur Gemilang to Selangor Exco member Datuk Fatah Iskandar.

The group would cover a total of 560km in about 118 hours.

The group is expected to reach Putrajaya tomorrow at 10pm in conjunction with the Patriotic Poetry Festival, part of the 45th National Day celebrations, to be graced by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Dr Mahathir will deliver a special poem, while his wife Datuk Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamad Ali would recite Suara Hati and Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Samsudin Osman, Tanah Air, Alangkah Nikmat Cinta and Pengorbanan Ini Kepadamu.