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PM to launch fun-filled activities to celebrate Putrajaya's anniversary

PUTRAJAYA, Tues. - All are welcome to join in the festivities when Putrajaya celebrates its first anniversary as a Federal Territory on Feb 1 with fun-filled events.

Perbadanan Putrajaya has promised an interesting celebration to be launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at Dataran Putra on Feb 1.

Speaking at a Press Conference today, its corporate division director, Shamsiah Jamaluddin, said many activities and programmes have been lined up from Feb 1-17.

\* Feb 1: Dr Mahathir will launch the festivities and a suoq or middle eastern inspired bazaar, and officiate the Telekom Le Tour de Langkawi (time trials) as well as present jerseys to the winners of the First Stage.

Director of City Services Abd Ghani Ahmad said there will be a telematch for Putrajaya residents, performances by school brass bands as well as rhythmic martial arts performed by the police force and the launching of the Putrajaya neighbourhood watch logo.

\* Feb 2: The day's events are centred on the Putrajaya Lake with, among others, a Putrajaya inter-community kayak race, a rowing competition and a search and rescue demonstration by 100 members of the Putrajaya Fire and Rescue Department together with the Special Malaysian Disaster Assistance and Rescue Team (SMART).

Also planned are remote control airplane, seaplane and boat shows which City Development Department director Datuk Mohamad Othman Zainal Azim said was sure to grab the interest of hobbyists.

The lake activities will end with an aerial show by the Langkawi Flying Club with aerial formations and an amphibious micro light aircraft landing demonstration on the Putrajaya lake.

At night, there will be a multi-ethnic cultural show, fireworks display and performances by popular local artistes at the Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Putrajaya Satu school field.

\* Feb 3: A fishing competition is scheduled at the promenade in front of the Putrajaya Lake Club House which will be officiated by chief secretary to the Government Tan Sri Shamsudin Osman.

There will also be a community carnival at the school field featuring, among others, stall games, fun games, magic and puppet shows, a fresh water fish cooking competition and a clown.

Festivities take a break for the Chinese New Year and school holidays, and resume on Feb 17 with an Asean-level Merbuk bird singing competition at the Putrajaya Wetlands Park with participants from Thailand, Singapore and Indonesia.

Abd Ghani said that based on 4,000 occupied residences with an average of five to a household, there are about 20,000 Putrajaya residents.

He also said parking rules would be relaxed at the celebration sites in view of the increased volume of visitors.

Bus service provider, Park May Bhd, would be increasing service during the time subject to demand.

Further information can be obtained from [www.putrajaya.net.my](http://www.putrajaya.net.my).

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