

500 young skaters with a global peace message

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SUBANG: Lighted candles – as a symbol of peace for mankind – will be used by 500 Malaysian children who will take to the ice rink in Sunway Pyramid on Feb 7 in support of the petition for world peace and aversion of war in Iraq.

Representing the group is 12-year-old skater Nur Hazirah Hussain who together with other children on skates will illuminate the night with two candles in each hand.

"One candle will represent the 'Light of Hope in Our Hearts' and the other 'A Gift of Light,' to world leaders," said the girl at the skating rink here yesterday.

As a representative voice for all children in this country, Nur Hazirah wants their messages to count, and I want to say: "Give peace a chance."

This collective effort of children skaters and their parents along with the Sunway Pyramid is in support of the Malaysians for Peace project which is collecting one million signa-



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tures to be presented to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at the 13th Non-Aligned Movement summit next month.

Sunway Pyramid general manager H.C. Chan said they wanted to play their part in support of the nation's call for world peace and at the same time respond to the plea of these children.

"These children are frequent skaters here and they had approached us with this novel idea and I feel what better way to convey the message of peace than through children," said Chan.

The public is invited to the skating rink at 8pm to support the campaign by signing for peace. Admission is free.