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Putrajaya-Carnival

CARNIVAL TO FOSTER INTERACTION AMONG PUTRAJAYA RESIDENTS

PUTRAJAYA, July 30 (Bernama) -- The Putrajaya Carnival 2003, which will be held on a large-scale for two days beginning Saturday, will not only introduce Putrajaya as the new Administrative Centre of the Federal Government but also entertain and foster interaction between residents in the vicinity.

Various activities have been planned to forge closer ties among the residents, including with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his deputy Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, both residents of Putrajaya.

The Minister in the Prime Minister's Department, Datuk Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor, said today that the event was also meant to further enliven the 'Merdeka Month Celebrations' in Putrajaya.

The carnival, expected to attract over 100,000 visitors, is jointly organised by the Putrajaya UMNO Division, TV3 and TM Net.

Abdullah is scheduled to open the carnival at Presint 8 here on Saturday and its closing, the highlight of the event, will be by Dr Mahathir.

On another issue, Tengku Adnan said the construction of a tunnel to channel rain water into the catchment area to avoid flash floods in Kuala Lumpur and its surrounding areas, was progressing well.

"The Kuala Lumpur City Hall and the Selangor State Government have moved some 2,000 residents from several squatter areas, including in Old Klang Road and Sungai Besi, to make way for the project," he said.

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