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DEPUTY KING TO GRACE CLOSING OF MERDEKA MONTH IN KK TOMORROW

KOTA KINABALU, Sept 15 (Bernama) -- Deputy Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Mizan Zainal Abidin and Permaisuri Nur Zahirah are expected to grace the closing of the national-level Merdeka Month celebration here tomorrow night.

The colourful affair will be held at the Likas Sports Complex here starting 8pm to commemorate the formation of the Malaysian Federation on Sept 16, 1963.

The celebration, with cultural shows, a float procession, a concert, a fireworks display and a special performance by the Royal London Circus, is expected to draw some 200,000 people.

The celebration will also be telecast live over Radio dan Televisyen Malaysia.

When met after inspecting the complex here today, Culture, Arts and Tourism Minister Datuk Paduka Abdul Kadir Sheikh Fadzir said he was happy with preparations for the celebration.

Meanwhile, he said Sabah would also host the Christmas Open House 2003 on Dec 27 which would be attended by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Syed Putra Jamalullail and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed.

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