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DR MAHATHIR TO LAUNCH NATIONAL YOUTH DAY CELEBRATION ON THURSDAY

KUALA LUMPUR, May 13 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will join the youth in celebrating this year's National Youth Day with the theme "Propagating National Excellence" on Thursday.

He will present the Youth Ambassador Award 2003 and the Premier Youth Organisation Award at the gathering at the Stadium Putra in Bukit Jalil.

The Youth Ambassador Award 2003 will be given to several dynamic individuals between the ages of 15 and 40 years based on their contribution to society, their involvement with non-governmental organisations and their talents and achievements, a Youth and Sports Ministry statement here says.

The celebration began yesterday with a three-day National Youth Convention which will be launched by Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi at a hotel here tonight.

On the theme, the statement says it denotes the ministry's intention to focus on the development and continued excellence of youth.

In conjunction with the celebration, activities like remote control car racing, karaoke competitions and rock climbing will be held on Thursday and Friday at Dataran Putra, National Sports Complex.

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