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BN's 50-YEAR CELEBRATION ON POWER SHARING CONCEPT

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 9 (Bernama) -- Barisan Nasional (BN) will celebrate its 50th anniversary with the theme "Power Sharing the Success of Malaysia" on Sept 20 at the Merdeka Stadium here.

BN secretary-general Tan Sri Mohamed Rahmat said the concept of power sharing which it had practised for 50 years had enabled Malaysia to enjoy peace as well as a multitude of development.

The celebration, expected to be attended by some 50,000 people, would be launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who was also BN chairman, at 2pm and would be telecast live by Radio Televisyen Malaysia, he said.

The anniversary would also be celebrated at state level over six months after the launch, he told reporters after chairing a meeting with BN state secretaries here today.

"The emphasis on power sharing is to remind the people about the success of the concept which had created national unity, peace and stability and the many successes we have achieved," he said.

Mohamed said aside from Dr Mahathir, representatives from all component parties which had come together to form the Alliance and later the BN would be invited to speak.

They were MIC president Datuk Seri S Samy Velly, MCA president Datuk Seri Ong Ka Ting and Sarawak Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud, to represent Sabah and Sarawak BN component parties, he said.

He said among the events lined up for the celebration were a procession by the 14 component parties, a pledge recital and the raising of the flag.

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