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INTERESTING EVENTS LINED UP DURING PUTRAJAYA TERRITORY DAY

PUTRAJAYA, Jan 17 (Bernama) -- Various interesting events have been lined up to enliven Putrajaya Territory Day celebrations beginning Jan 31.

Perbadanan Putrajaya (PPj) Corporate Service Department Director, Shamsiah Jamaluddin said the events held were aimed at attracting local and foreign visitors to the federal government's administration centre, besides celebrating the territory's second anniversary.

"We want to show that Malaysia is a unique country as it is able to maintain peace and harmony despite its multi-racial community of various religions, culture and practices," she told a media conference at Tasik Putrajaya Club, here today.

Putrajaya records a total of more than one million visitors every year, whereby 200,000 of the total comprise foreigners.

Shamsiah said two international competitions, two large-scale festivals and a fishing contest have been planned as part of the celebration.

Among the events would be the Putrajaya International Canoe Competition 2003 on Feb 6 which would be opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

To date, 17 countries have already confirmed their participation.

The Putrajaya Territory Day celebration will begin with a prayer recital after Maghrib prayers at the Putra Mosque on Jan 31 before the opening of the Putrajaya Botanical Garden and Putrajaya Shangri-La Hotel later in the evening, whereby the launch of the celebration by Dr Mahathir would be held on Feb 4.

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