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Bridge

KELANTAN PLANS GRAND RECEPTION FOR DR MAHATHIR

KOTA BAHARU, Sept 6 (Bernama) -- A grand reception awaits Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad when the Prime Minister attends the opening of the Sultan Ismail Petra Bridge in Tendong, Pasir Mas on Sept 15.

Kelantan People's Action Council (MTRK) president Datuk Ibrahim Ali said 100,000 people were expected to witness the function, to be officiated by the Sultan of Kelantan.

Ibrahim said the event was also held to accord the Kelantan people's gratitude for Dr Mahathir who would be stepping down from his government and party posts next month.

"It is to appreciate the Prime Minister's contributions which led to the construction of the RM166 million Sultan Ismail Petra Bridge by the federal government," he told reporters here today.

Ibrahim said the event would begin with the Sultan Ismail Petra Bridge International Run 2003 with the participation of some 10,000 runners at 7am.

Drummers would line both sides of the one km-long bridge, said Ibrahim.

There would be a tattoo and parachuting display apart from a fly past by Cessna planes.

At the same time, a flotilla of rafts would pass below the bridge, he said.

Ibrahim said a tug-of-war with some 200 participants on each side, expected to create a new chapter in the Malaysia Book of Records (MBR), would also be held.

A fireworks show and cultural performances would be held at night, he added.

The bridge, with its dual carriageway, was opened to the public last April.

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