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KL WORLD FILM FEST DELEGATION FROM UZBEKISTAN ARRIVE

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 12 (Bernama) -- The delegation from Uzbekistan, the first for the Kuala Lumpur World Film festival 2003, arrived tonight.

The three-day festival starts on Sunday.

The three-member delegation led by Murod Mukhammad Dost arrived on Malaysia Airlines flight MH9161 from Tashkent at 8.35pm.

They were greeted on arrival at the KL International Airport in Sepang by officials of the organising committee.

They were the first group to arrive of the 39 countries participating in the festival hosted by Malaysia for the first time in conjunction with the 13th Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Summit.

A total of 48 entries have been received for the festival aimed at sending a peace message to the world.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will launch the festival at Dataran Merdeka on Sunday while the Yang Di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Syed Putra Jamalullail will officiate at the closing ceremony on Tuesday at Mandarin Oriental Hotel.

Three premier and four appreciation awards are to be won for movies that best suit the festival theme -- peace, harmony, friendship and non-discrimination.

The public will have an opportunity to watch the movies for free at the Tanjung Golden Village at the Kuala Lumpur City Centre and at the Golden Screen Cinema at the Mid-Valley Megamall.

Local movie industry personalities like Datin Sarimah, Aziz Jaafar, Aziz Satar, Mustafa Maarof, Ahmad Mahmud, Wahid Satay, S. Samsudin, Zaiton, Mariani, Datuk L.Krishnan, Ibrahim Pendek and Datuk Michelle Yeoh will attend the festival.

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