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MAMMOTH CROWD EXPECTED AT MERDEKA MONTH CLOSING IN LIKAS

KOTA KINABALU, Sept 3 (Bernama) -- Some 200,000 people are expected to attend the closing ceremony of the Merdeka Month celebrations here on Sept 16, Organising Committee chairman Datuk Anifah Aman said today.

He said Timbalan Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Mizan Zainal Abidin would officiate at the closing.

The event, to be held at the Likas Sports Complex, would be filled with entertainment programmes, floats and a fireworks display, he told reporters when inspecting preparations for the closing ceremony.

Anifah said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and state and federal cabinet ministers would be present.

Among the artistes invited to perform that night are Abu Bakar Ellah, Siti Nurhaliza, Ella and members of the Akademi Fantasia.

Anifah, who is Deputy Primary Industries Minister, said the people could expect to see a fireworks display "that is like no other".

He said the organisers were trying to put up the best ever show as a farewell tribute to Dr Mahathir, who is retiring in October.

Anifah said problems like the lack of allocations could be overcome through contributions from corporations and individuals.

"We have to because this celebration is the last for Dr Mahathir as the Prime Minister. We hope to provide a very comprehensive form of celebrations signifying a big thank you from the people of Sabah and Malaysia as a whole," he said.

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