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Mustapa-Farmers

MEGA FARMER'S DAY EVENT PLANNED FOR KELANTAN

KOTA BAHARU, June 24 (Bernama) -- The federal government will hold a giant celebration for Farmer's Day in Kelantan to acknowledge the contribution of state farmers, breeders and fishermen in stimulating the national economy.

National Economic Action Council (NEAC) executive director Datuk Mustapa Mohamed said this particular group had not celebrated the occasion for the past 13 years since PAS took over the state in 1990.

"The last (Farmer's Day) celebration was in 1990, there are celebrations every year in other states," he told reporters after chairing the Kelantan Development Advisory Committee meeting here today.

Mustapa said the celebration, organised by the Farmers Organisation Authority and the Kelantan Federal Development Department (JPP), would be opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad or his deputy Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

However, he said the date had yet to be decided.

Mustapa also said the federal government had allocated RM14 million for the construction of roads, by Class F contractors under JPP, in the state's villages as soon as possible.

"The project involves upgrading, repairing and resurfacing existing roads as well as the construction of new roads," he said.

Meanwhile Mustapa, who is also Kelantan Umno liaison chairman, said the commitment shown by the central Umno leadership to see Kelantan return to Barisan Nasional (BN) would help realise the state Umno's efforts to defeat PAS in the upcoming general election.

He was commenting on Umno vice-president Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak's comment on Sunday that Umno was confident of winning seats in Kelantan and Terengganu based on the people's acceptance of BN.

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