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PARADE OF NAT'L HEROES PROVES MALAYSIANS' TRUE CAPABILITY - KADIR

PUTRAJAYA, Aug 24 (Bernama) -- The parade of local heroes who had carved their names in the annals of history this National Day proves that Malaysians are as capable as those from developed countries, Culture, Art and Tourism Minister Datuk Paduka Abdul Kadir Sheikh Fadzir said.

The parade was also to show the people's gratitude towards Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who had enhanced the dignity of Malaysians, he said.

"The parade will include a sector comprising Malaysians who had gained international fame during Dr Mahathir's rule as Prime Minister from 1981 to 2003," he told reporters after visiting Dataran Putrajaya, the location of this year's National Day celebration today.

Among those participating in the parade are marathon swimmer Datuk Abdul Malik Mydin, solo round-the-world sailor Datuk Azhar Mansor, Mount Everest conqueror M. Magendran, famous actress Datuk Michelle Yeoh and footwear maestro Datuk Jimmy Choo.

Earlier, he had inspected preparations for the celebration and expressed his satisfaction with the commitment and perseverance shown by participants who had been rehearsing for the event.

Meanwhile, in conjunction with the National Day, the Federal Territory Indian Muslims Congress ended a flag-bearing car convoy, which had set off from Kuala Lumpur, here today.

The 400 participants, in 100 cars decorated with flags, arrived at the Prime Minister's Department and was greeted by the Putrajaya Umno Youth led by Mohd Khairun Aseh.

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