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PATRIOTISM GATHERING IN PETALING STREET ON AUG 30

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 14 (Bernama) -- The Malaysian Apparel Wholesalers Association will organise a mammoth patriotism gathering at Malaysia's most popular shopping spot, Petaling Street, on Aug 30.

Programme adviser Datuk Donald Lim Siang Chai said the massive gathering, in conjunction with Merdeka, was to rekindle the fire of patriotism among Malaysians, especially the young.

"This gathering is the first to be held in Petaling Street, with cooperation from City Hall," he told reporters after chairing a discussion on the programme at Angkasapuri today.

Lim, who is also Deputy Information Minister, said the gathering was expected to be attended by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Some 10,000 people are expected to attend the gathering.

Meanwhile, organising chairman Datuk Dr Tan Tiong Hong said Dr Mahathir was scheduled to launch the Petaling Street Volunteer Corps (Rela) at the ceremony.

He said a Rela unit in the area was important for the safety of Petaling Street visitors and traders as the well as to maintain the image of the shopping spot.

Among interesting events would be a dragon dance, a concert featuring local artistes and performances by school bands, he said.

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