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Hishammuddin-Peace

PEACE MALAYSIA REFLECTS PEOPLE'S STAND ON WORLD PEACE

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 15 (Bernama) -- The People's Alliance for Peace Malaysia (Peace Malaysia) is the best avenue for all Malaysians to voice their stand on global peace before the more than 100 world leaders at the 13th Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Summit here.

Peace Malaysia's patron, Datuk Hishammuddin Tun Hussein, said the grouping of non-governmental organisations was relevant as the unified voice of Malaysians and its role did not overlap that of other bodies, like what was being claimed by certain parties.

"This is a golden opportunity for us Malaysians, regardless of religion, background, gender, age and political inclination, to unite in presenting our suggestions, views, criticisms and objections to the world leaders".

Hishammuddin, who is the Youth and Sports Minister, said this in the "Bicara Bernama" programme broadcasted over Astro's channel four, the Astro Ria, here tonight.

Hishammuddin is a guest in the show, apart from popular songbird Siti Nurhaliza. The minister was asked on his views on the objectives of Peace Malaysia and its impact during the NAM Summit here on Feb 20-25.

"What we wish to do is to create public awareness on global peace, a task which should be shouldered by all.

"Not only in Malaysia but everywhere in the world where we appreciate our future and that of the coming generations," he said.

Hishammuddin said Peace Malaysia's signature-collecting campaign had surpassed its objective of one million signatures and these, along with a memorandum on world peace, would be presented to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at a mammoth gathering in the Bukit Jalil National Stadium on Feb 23.

Meanwhile Siti Nurhaliza said she was proud to be a part of Peace Malaysia's initiative as she hoped her fans, especially the younger generation, would follow what she did for the campaign.

"To me, my involvement in this peace campaign, comes from the necessity as a Malaysian and someone who hates violence," said Siti Nurhaliza.

Siti Nurhaliza said she was aware that her role was not only that of an artiste but as a model in generating positive thinking and lifestyle among the youngsters.

The singer and other artistes are scheduled to perform at the Peace Malaysia's gathering in the Bukit Jalil stadium.

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