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PEACE MALAYSIA MAY NOT SPEAK AT NAM SUMMIT

PUTRAJAYA, Feb 6 (Bernama) --Youth and Sports Minister Datuk Hishammuddin Tun Hussein said today the Malaysia Alliance for Peace (Peace Malaysia) may not be able to address the 13th Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) summit here.

The NAM Secretariat felt that it did not want to create a precedent where outside bodies were allowed to address the summit, he told reporters after the launching of the International Canoe Invitational Championship 2003 here by the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

He said Peace Malaysia understood the NAM Secretariat's views and stand on this matter even though an official reply had yet to be received.

Peace Malaysia had sought for its representative to address the delegates at the summit on the need for world peace.

Hishammuddin was confident that Dr Mahathir would ably convey the message of peace championed by Peace Malaysia.

Hishammuddin said he appreciated Peace Malaysia's effort and hard work in getting more than 1,000 organisations in the alliance to sign the peace pledge.

The summit will be at the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC) here from Feb 20 to 25.

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