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PUTRAJAYA, CENTRE FOR 46TH NATIONAL DAY DO

KUALA LUMPUR, June 23 (Bernama) -- The grand parade on the occasion of the 46th National Day celebrations this year will be held in the Federal administrative capital of Putrajaya to honour the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Culture, Arts and Tourism Minister Datuk Paduka Abdul Kadir Sheikh Fadzir said the celebrations would be centred in the administrative capital founded by Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

It represented a token of thanks from the nation to Dr Mahathir who had led the country for 22 years and would retire this October, he told reporters here.

The National Day celebrations would be on for a month from Aug 17 and end on Sept 16, the day Malaysia was formed.

People of all religions in the country would say prayers in their respective way on National Day eve.

He said all secondary and primary schools of all mediums were encouraged to hold the national day celebrations jointly as one Malaysian people.

He also called for the Jalur Gemilang to be flown in schools and other building during the celebrations.

School children should also be encouraged to wave the national flag.

Schools should also organise the "midnight vigil" on National Day eve.

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