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Putrajaya Carnival expects to draw 200,000 visitors

PUTRAJAYA, Fri. - About 200,000 people are expected to attend the two-day Putrajaya Carnival beginning here at 8am tomorrow.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi will attend the event to be held at Leboh Sentosa, 8th Precinct.

Themed "Pemimpin Bersama Rakyat" (leaders with the rakyat), the carnival will be launched by Abdullah at 4pm. The Prime Minister will be attending the closing ceremony at 8.30pm on Sunday.

"As this is a good opportunity for the rakyat to meet the country's leaders, we expect between 100,000 and 200,000 visitors. We also hope to 'introduce' Putrajaya to the public by holding this carnival," said organising committee member Ahmad Fadhil Jaafar.

"There will be a total of 200 tents. About 50 of these will be food stalls, while the rest are souvenir stalls and exhibition booths by government agencies and companies such as Telekom Malaysia and Petronas."

The event will also feature booths manned by TV3 personalities for programmes such as Kelab Disney, Majalah 3 and Nona.

"We promise a good show for everyone. There will be concerts by Siti Nurhaliza, Senario, VE, Nora and Ruffedge," said TV3 co-ordinator Fadzliniza Zakaria, who was present at the carnival site.

"The shows will begin at 10.30am, 4pm and 9pm on both days."