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10,000 to gather in Petaling Street

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KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. - More than 10,000 people are expected to join the Malaysian Patriotism Rally, organised as part of Merdeka Month celebrations, in Petaling Street on Aug 30.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will open the event, jointly organised by the Malaysian Apparel Wholesalers' Association and Nam Ann Association of Malaysia.

Nam Ann Association president Datuk Dr Tan Tiong Hong said the gathering was to foster closer integration among the races.

"The gathering will comprise people from all walks of life and students will form the majority," said Dr Tan.

The organisers have also invited artistes and 200 non-governmental organisations to attend.

"Businesses in Petaling Street will go on as usual and we will set up a stage at the street's main entrance," he said at a Press conference.

Earlier, the two associations met Deputy Information Minister Datuk Donald Lim. Lim said the ministry would help organise the event.

"We will help publicise it by arranging for a live telecast by Radio Televisyen Malaysia."