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Ansara carnival: RM1m targeted

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KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. - Ansara, or the Maktab Rendah Sains Mara (MRSM) Former Students' Association, hopes to attract more than 100,000 people and collect up to RM1 million during its daylong carnival to be held at the Dataran Merdeka on Dec 27.

Association president Datuk Mukhriz Mahathir said the event, themed "We are Family", was to bring together Ansara members and the public for a fun-filled day as well as contributing to a good cause by donating to its fund-raising campaign.

"Ansara is part of a greater family as many people have some connection or other with MRSM. Probably your wife studied in MRSM or you have cousins there," he told a Press conference at Balai Berita today.

Also present were spokesman for the event Syed Hussain Syed Junid, and Ab Rashid Harun, who is in charge of sponsorship.

Mukhriz said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi had agreed to attend the event, which would also feature performances by artistes.

He said there would also be musical competition by bands of former MRSM students, shows by marching bands from Victoria Institution and St John's Institution, as well as karaoke, basketball, netball and skate-boarding competitions, fun fair and children playground.

He said there were 42,000 graduates from MRSM with 11 alumni associations registered with Ansara.

He said as Ansara members were the largest group of beneficiaries of Government aid, they felt it was time to pay back to society by helping the needy especially on education matters.

He said the money raised at the carnival would primarily be channelled to pay fees for tuition classes for poor students.

Those interested to know more about the event could log on to its website <http://ansarakarnival.com>.

The New Straits Times is the print media partner of the event.