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Artistes show support for peace drive

KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. - A signature campaign for world peace by the People's Alliance for Peace Malaysia received overwhelming response today from singers, producers and musicians.

Signatures were collected from artistes - such as Fauziah Latiff, Sarah Raisuddin, Ning Baizura, Anuar Zain and Dayang Nurfaezah - who came to show their support for the campaign during a Press conference held in conjunction with the 10th Anugerah Industri Muzik awards.

Akademi Industri Muzik Malaysia chairman Aziz Bakar said the response from artistes in the music industry was encouraging.

A total of 107 signatures was collected from artistes today and a drive to collect between 800 and 1,000 signatures from other artistes was under way through their recording companies.

He said the culmination of this drive would be the presentation of these signatures together with a memorandum on world peace to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at Stadium Bukit Jalil on Feb 23.

The memorandum was prepared by a coalition of political and religious organisations, together with non-governmental organisations headed by Umno Youth.

Umno Youth deputy head Datuk Abdul Aziz Sheikh Fadzir said the Peace Malaysia campaign had attracted 500,000 signatures and was expected to exceed its target of one million by Feb 23.

Aziz Bakar said the music industry fully supported this campaign and a concert by at least 20 artistes - including Ning Baizura, KRU, Elite, Imuda and Rabbani - would be held on the same day. He said it would feature performances by a multi-racial group of artistes. It is open to all Malaysians and is expected to begin at 5pm and end at midnight.