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Biker in 'Postcards for Peace' journey

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KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. - Suhaimi Joleman will be spreading Malaysia's message of peace and goodwill to the world by distributing 60,000 postcards written by Malaysians to those he meets on his inter-continental solo motorcycle journey starting on Aug 9.

As part of the "Postcards for Peace" project he initiated with his friends at Ansara (Association of Former Students of Mara Junior Science Colleges), the 38-year-old outfitter is ready to play postman in more than 20 countries.

Addressed to the citizens of the world, the peace message will be conveyed via postcards with the sender's information and contact details serving as "conduits of friendship".

"It's my contribution towards peace and understanding among citizens of the world," he said at a Press conference at the Putra World Trade Centre today.

The self-financed project received a boost today when Ansara members passed the hat around after its annual meeting.

Ansara president Datuk Mukhriz Mahathir later presented a token contribution to Suhaimi.

Suhaimi, who hails from Kedah and manages an outdoor adventure consultancy company, will fly from Kuala Lumpur to Istanbul where he will begin the first leg of his journey, the "Into Europe" tour, on his BMW R1100 GS to London.

He hopes to cover Bulgaria, Hungary, Germany, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Sudan and Mozambique before ending his journey in South Africa.

Those interested in participating in the project can send a postcard with their name, address and a message to Suhaimi Joleman c/o Suhaimi Sulaiman Omnimedia, Unit 3A-07, Block A, Kelana Square, Jalan SS7/26, Kelana Jaya, 47301 Petaling Jaya.