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Eight Chinese youth groups join campaign

KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. - Eight Chinese associations have joined the People's Alliance for Peace Malaysia (Malaysians for Peace) and pledged to pool their efforts to promote world peace.

The associations are Young Malaysians Movement (YMM), Gerakan Belia Bersatu Malaysia, Young Entrepreneurs Association of Malaysia, Persatuan Graduan Muda Malaysia, Persatuan Belia Kristian Malaysia, Persatuan Belia Xiang Lian Malaysia, Persatuan Belia Buddhist Malaysia and Junior Chamber Kuala Lumpur Mandarin.

YMM president Lim Joo Kiat said the associations would support the Malaysians for Peace campaign.

"We urge the Chinese in Malaysia and all non-governmental associations to support the One Million Signature Campaign and other activities to be held with this campaign," he said yesterday.

Campaign co-ordinator Zulkifli Alwi said 450 associations had joined in the campaign and to date, more than 100,000 signatures had been collected.

The one million signatures, together with the Malaysians for Peace memorandum, would be handed to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Feb 23 at Dataran Merdeka.

At an earlier Press conference, Lim said the eight youth associations would for the first time host a Chinese New Year gathering, to be attended by 1,500 people.

"In the past, we held such gatherings separately. This year, we are pooling our resources and funds to organise a big multiracial event," he said. The event will be held at Menara PGRM in Cheras on Feb 9.