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Hishammuddin: Campaign for peace to continue

KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. - The Malaysians for Peace campaign will be continued to create a peace culture among the younger generation and to set an example to the world that people of various races can live together peacefully, Youth and Sports Minister Datuk Hishammuddin Hussein said today.

He said response to the campaign, which ended after the rally at the National Stadium in Bukit on Feb 23, was overwhelming.

"The campaign has brought people from the various races and religious background closer," he said after chairing the Peace Malaysia postmortem and future programme steering committee meeting at his ministry here today.

He said the committee would be working with international bodies which had organised similar activities.

He said although peace demonstrations were held all over the world, Malaysia's signature campaign was unique.

"Although the campaign has ended, signatures are still being sent to us from all over the country."

During the seven-week signature campaign, more than 2.5 million signatures were collected and handed over to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Hishammuddin hoped the second phase of Malaysians for Peace project would attract non-governmental organisations, artistes, hoteliers and bankers.

The reading of poems at the White Dove Night will be held at Rumah Pena on Friday.