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Dinner-Record

DINNER WITH PM TO GO DOWN IN THE MALAYSIA BOOK OF RECORDS

MELAKA, July 15 (Bernama) -- The dinner with the prime minister to be held at Dataran Sejarah in Air Keroh tomorrow is expected to go down in the Malaysia Book of Records as the dinner with the biggest attendance in the country.

Melaka state assembly Speaker Datuk Amid Nordin, who is the dinner organising committee chairman, said today the current record was 20,200 people held by Negeri Sembilan but tomorrow's dinner would be attended by over 25,000 people from all over the state.

"There will be 2,500 tables with 17 chefs catering to the guests comprising representatives from non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and sports organisations, government officers, political leaders and members of the public," he told reporters here.

He said 500 workers would be deployed to control traffic and look after the parking lots in Taman Tasik Utama, Kompleks Seri Negeri, Recreational Forest, Malaysia Mini Park and the surrounding areas.

He advised the guests to come early and to follow the instructions of the workers when parking their cars. A bus shuttle service would be provided to ferry them to the dinner venue.

Cars parked by the roadside would be towed away, he added.

Meanwhile, state public order and traffic chief Supt Onn Ahmad said the road from the Air Keroh toll plaza in front of the Air Keroh police station would be closed from 6pm to midnight tomorrow.

Motorists from the Air Keroh toll plaza could use the junction in front of the plaza to head for jalan Padang Keladi-Durian Tungga-Batu Berendam to get to the town centre and vice versa, he said.

Traffic policemen would be on hand to control traffic and members of the public were advised to follow their instructions.

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