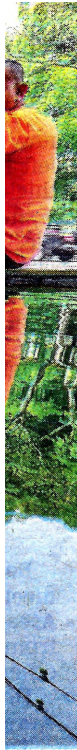


## **Flying the flag with pride**

Sarawak Economic Development Corporation worker Hassan Sham putting up the Jalur Gemilang at the Kuching Waterfront in conjunction with the National Month. — ZULAZHAR SHEBLEE/The Star



# Dr M to launch National Month celebration in Melaka

**MELAKA:** Melaka is all ready to host the launch of the national-level National Month and Fly the Jalur Gemilang celebration, which will be officiated by Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad at Dataran Pahlawan in Banda Hilir here today.

Chief Minister Adly Zahari said preparations for the event had been smooth, with cooperation and commitment from various government agencies including the Information Department.

He said 25 exhibition spaces would be provided during the three-day programme until tomorrow to facilitate the dissemination of information on government programmes and initiatives to the people.

"Melaka is ready to host it and make it a success.

"The selection of Melaka was based on historical factors, and it is important to instil the spirit of patriotism among the younger generation," he told reporters after a visit

to the venue to check out the preparations on Thursday night.

Also present were Information Department director-general Rose-lindawati Abdul Rahman and the department's state director Mohd Rizal Hashim.

Various activities, including religious programmes, the Jalur Gemilang convoy, the Caring Bridge exhibition, food trucks carnival, and My Best Buy Fama (Federal Agricultural Marketing Authority) sale, have been lined up until tomorrow.

Today, the event will kick off with the Merdeka Run and "Senamrobik" in the morning while the launch of the national-level celebration will take place in the evening.

It will be followed by the flagging off of the Kembara Merdeka Jalur Gemilang convoy as well as the Sayangi Malaysiaku: Malaysia Bersih concert featuring top local artistes and a fireworks display. — Bernama