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30TH EDITION

8,000 expected at Seremban Half Marathon

PETALING JAYA: Eight thousand avid marathon runners are expected to participate in the 30th Seremban Half Marathon this Sept 10.

Negri Sembilan royal patron Tunku Naquiyuddin Tunku Ja'afar, after meeting the event's sponsors, said this year's event would be more exciting than the previous years.

"The members of the royal

family of Negri Sembilan will also take part in the event, and I was informed that Tunku Ali Redhauddin will be running in the 21km marathon run, as well as my son and daughter."

Tunku Naquiyuddin said the annual event was to support sporting activities for junior and disabled athletes.

Tunku Naquiyuddin also said

any donations and contributions would be handed over to charitable organisations, such as Yayasan Tunku Naquiyuddin and Yayasan Tunku Nurul Hayati, which had homes for underprivileged children.

He said the annual event would commence from the Seremban Municipal Council (MPS) field as early as 6.30am.

The run route covers Serem-

ban town, Rahang, Forest Heights, Paroi-Ampangan, the Lake Garden area and back to the field near MPS.

He said this year's edition would have nine categories for the public.

The closing date for registration is Aug 27.

For details, call 012-298 6390 or visit serembanhalf-marathon.my.



Tunku Naquiyuddin Tunku Ja'afar

CREATING AWARENESS

MACC TAKES THE STAGE

'Bahtera Emas' play to educate public on corruption, abuse of power

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THE Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) needs all the help it can get to fight corruption. In its latest project, MACC has embarked on a dramatic approach by working with a theatre activist to produce a play titled *Bahtera Emas*.

MACC Chief Commissioner Datuk Dzulkifli Ahmad said in order to educate and create awareness among the public, the commission would use every medium and opportunity available.

"We have to put a stop to corruption and abuse of power. The people need to be empowered to say 'no' to corruption," he said here yesterday.

MACC is giving the opportunity to actors, students and the public to create awareness about the social problems among Malaysians.

Dzulkifli said MACC had only about 1,900 personnel and the commission could not put a stop to graft on its own.

MACC, he said, was a people's agency, and it would be with the people in combating graft.

"That is why if there were any such cases affecting the public, we would be there, such as the case in Penang involving environmental pollution and the bauxite case in Pahang," he said, adding that such cases happened because there were elements of graft and abuse of power.

Dzulkifli said when such cases took place, the public were the ones affected, not those in top management positions.

Bahtera Emas is directed by theatre activist Rosminah Mohd Tahir.

The play will be staged on Oct 19 to 22 at the Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka (DBP) Auditorium here in conjunction with MACC's 50th anniversary celebration.

The 90-minute play is a joint-production with CTRA Production, Istana Budaya, DBP, and the National Arts, Culture and Heritage Academy (Aswara).

Bahtera Emas, taken from the classical Sejarah Melayu, shows how the Melaka Sultanate crumbled in the 16th century when corruption and power abuse took place.

Actors Datuk Jalaluddin Hassan, Esmadaniel, Faradhiya Amir and Izzue Islam are involved in the play.

The show will also involve singers and other thespians.

Jalaluddin thanked MACC for giving them an opportunity to take part in educating the public on corruption and power abuse.

Music director and composer Datuk Suhaimi Mohd Zain, also known as Pak Ngah, will be composing around 10 songs for the play.

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