

10 highway buses to promote Everest climb

KUALA LUMPUR: Soon, you will get to see buses featuring pictures of Perdana de' Everest climbers on the North-South Expressway.

Sponsored by Handal Holdings Bhd, 10 buses on the Kuala Lumpur/Singapore and Kuala Lumpur/Hatyai routes will promote the Everest climb in May next year.

"It is a good way for us to gain support from the public and cultivate an interest in mountaineering among the young," said expedition leader Datuk Khalid Yusuf at the expedition's official launch at Dewan Perdana Felda yesterday.

He said the bus would also be an official vehicle during their nationwide roadshow to promote mountain climbing to Malaysian youth.

Youth and Sports Minister Datuk Ahmad Shabery Cheek, who represented the prime minister at the launch, praised the climbers for their determination and perseverance.

"Climbing requires mental strength, courage and determination. You may have the best equipment and training but at the end of the day, a climber needs these three factors to succeed."

The climbers will scale the Mera Peakin Nepal next month as part of their training.



Youth and Sports Minister Datuk Ahmad Shabery Cheek (left) and Perdana de' Everest expedition leader Datuk Khalid Yusuf (second from left) with the team members at the launch of the expedition in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. — Bernama picture