

Kembara Mahkota Johor is back

JOHOR BARU: The 17th Kembara Mahkota Johor (KMJ) will begin at Dataran Bandaraya on Saturday and end at Dataran Mahkota in Kota Iskandar, Nusajaya, on June 24.

Johor State Secretary Datuk Ismail Karim said Sultan of Johor Sultan Ibrahim Sultan Iskandar and his entourage will travel some

858km and visit the state's 10 districts.

"The theme of this year's KMJ is healthy lifestyle. So at every destination, various recreational and sporting activities will be held. Health-related activities such as health talks and an exhibition will also be organised," he said.

The royal family will travel in three custom-made Prevost Marathon coaches. One of them will be driven by the sultan.

"We will also provide four buses to accompany Sultan Ibrahim's coaches in the tour. In total, more than 40 people will be involved in the KMJ, including 26 heads of departments," said Ismail.

He said this to the media after the prelaunch of the KMJ by Sultan Ibrahim at Istana Pasir Pelangi.

Also present were Tunku Mahkota Johor Tunku Ismail Sultan Ibrahim, Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Mohamed Khaled Nordin and Johor Assembly Speaker Datuk Mohamad Aziz.

Ismail said Sultan Ibrahim would also bring

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Sultan of Johor Sultan Ibrahim Sultan Iskandar launching the 17th Kembara Mahkota Johor. Looking on are **Tunku Mahkota Johor Tunku Ismail Sultan Ibrahim**, **Datuk Seri Mohamed Khaled Nordin** (right) and **Datuk Ismail Karim** (left). Pic by Hairul Anuar Abd Rahim

an ice cream truck on the tour.

"Ice cream will be distributed to the people at every destination," he said.

The brainchild of Sultan Ibrahim, the KMJ

was first held in 2001. It was organised as a way for the sultan to interact directly with the people of Johor and improve their welfare. By

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