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PM CLOSES 4TH SUKMA

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JOHOR BA HARU, July 11 (Bernama) -- The 4th Malaysia Games (SUKMA) was closed by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today in a colourful ceremony at Stadium Larkin here.

The ceremony was carried live by Radio Televisyen Malaysia (RTM).

Rain fell just before the start of the last two events, 4x400m for men and women, but this did not dampen the spirit of the spectators, who turned up in full force at the stadium.

As soon as the Prime Minister declared the games closed, the Sukma flag at the stadium was lowered.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir handed the flag to Perak Menteri Besar Tan Sri Ramli Ngah Talib to be taken back to his state, which will be the host for the next Sukma in 1994.

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A total of 199 events were contested with Sarawak winning 36 gold, 27 silver and 26 bronze to emerge champions.

Earlier, all the 17 contingents, led by the Armed Forces, performed a march past.

The bands of the Armed Forces, Sekolah Menengah Perempuan Sultan Ibrahim and Sekolah Tun Fatimah Johor Baharu and a local pop group, the +Exist+, were in attendance.

MASUM's Khoo Kah Hock (archery) was named the best sportsman while Pulau Pinang swimmer Magdaline won the best sportswoman award.

Khoo won four gold and one silver medals while Magdaline collected eight gold medals, including two in the team events. They received a trophy and \$2,000 each.

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Sixteen-year-old Ibrahim of Pahang, who broke the records for 100m and 200m, and kegler Shalin Zulkifli of Selangor, who won four gold medals, were named promising sportsman and sportswoman.

They received \$1,000 each.

The Prime Minister gave away the prizes.

Present at the ceremony were Youth and Sports Minister Haji Annuar Musa, Information Minister Datuk Mohamed Rahmat, Johor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Haji Muhyiddin Yassin and Sarawak Chief Minister Tan Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud. -- Bernama

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