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SPORTS SHOULD BE GIVEN EQUAL IMPORTANCE, SAYS MAHATHIR

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ALOR SETAR, June 10, (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has urged the people to give as much emphasis to sports as to social activities.

"This is because sports can promote goodwill, tolerance, understanding and good physical and moral values," he said in a souvenir programme for the Kedah Darul Aman Games (SUKDA) from Saturday to June 18.

Dr Mahathir is expected to launch the Games at Stadium Darulaman here at 3.30pm.

Sports was the most appropriate forum to build a strong, self-reliant, harmonious, stable and prosperous society, especially in a multi-racial country, he said.

The government wanted sports to be part of the way of life in a society that was health conscious, he said. -- more

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Meanwhile. SUKDA Committee Chairman Datuk Azizan Taib said 3,300 people would be vvinna for the 336 gold medals at stake in 18 events.

All the 11 districts in the state would be represented at the Games to be held at the Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM) in Sintok, said Azizan, who is a State Executive Councillor.

Athletics, football, tennis, cycling, badminton, taekwando, silat and sepak takraw are among the medal events while archery, boxing, and swimming are the demonstration sports.

Menteri Besar Tan Sri Osman Aroff will close the Games at UUM's Dewan Muadzam Shah, during which he would give away the Kedah Sportsman and Sportswoman Awards for 1932.--Bernama

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