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Sukom-Expenditure

COMMONWEALTH GAMES EXPENDITURE GOING UP

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 17 (Bernama) -- The management expenditure for the Commonwealth Games 1998 has increased from RM261 million to RM304 million, Sukom Ninety Eight Bhd executive chairman Jen (R) Tan Sri Hashim Mohamed Ali said today.

The expenditure involved among others, the motivation camp training for volunteers and the sports training programmes, he said.

"Contributions from various quarters are welcomed to achieve the budget target in time for the Commonwealth Games," he told reporters after the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) between Sukom and Pensonic Holdings Bhd here.

Sukom expected to achieve its budget target before the event, in view of the present collection amounting to about 50 per cent of the target, Hashim said.

On the city traffic situation during the event as viewed by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Hashim said Sukom and the various sports associations would hold a few sports matches to test the traffic flow and its effectiveness.

"We will hold the events not only on Sundays but also during office hours with the cooperation of the traffic police," he said.

He said the Prime Minister was also satisfied with the arrangements thus far made by Sukom and other agencies connected.

Pensonic, the maker and distributor of electrical appliance, like food processing machines, refrigerators, cookers and TV sets, has been appointed official sponsor of electrical items for use at the games village.

At the ceremony, Sukom received a RM5 million cheque from Pensonic which represent its contributions, in cash and kind. -- BERNAMA

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