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MALAYSIA TO HOST WORLD CLASS EVENTS

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KUALA LUMPUR, March 14 (Bernama) -- The Ministry of Youth and Sports has initiated talks with international sports organisers, promoters and franchise holders of world class sporting events to stage such events here, the minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said today.

He said that his ministry would play a prominent role to find avenues for Malaysia to host such major international meets with the strong support of the private sector and sports associations.

Muhyiddin said the recent Le Tour De Langkawi Cycling Championship was a success for the nation and prominently displayed the Malaysian flag on the world international sporting map.

"We hope the cycling tour will be an annual affair plus many more international meets," he told reporters after witnessing the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between SUKOM Ninety Eight Berhad and Malaysia Airline System Berhad (MAS).

Muhyiddin said that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad was keen that Malaysia host one of the circuits of the Formula One racing championship.

Apart from Formula One races, he said, the ministry would initiate efforts to bring in world class golfing events, world Grand Prix motorcycle races and other international competitions.

"We hope the race tracks will be built by the private sector. We need to have a synergy.. with the private sector working together towards this effort," he said.

Under the MoU signed between SUKOM '98 and MAS, the airline is adopted as the official airline for the 1998 Commonwealth Games here. MAS will contribute air transportation and travel services worth RM15 million. --

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