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Archery

SOME 300 ARCHERS TO PARTICIPATE IN LANGKAWI INTERNATIONAL INDOOR MEET

LANGKAWI, Oct 16 (Bernama) -- Some 300 archers, including 100 from Asian countries, will converge on this duty-free island resort next month to participate in the Langkawi International Indoor Archery Championship.

The event, to be hosted by Malaysia for the first time, is being jointly organised by the Kedah Archery Association and the state government.

The association's vice-president, Mansor Ismail, said the three-day event beginning Nov 15 would be held at the Mahsuri International Exhibition Centre (MIEC) in Padang Matsirat.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad was scheduled to open the tournament, he told reporters here.

He said that apart from the Asean countries, the other nations invited were Mongolia, India, Hong Kong, China, Japan, Pakistan, Bhutan, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Taiwan, New Zealand and Australia.

"We have decided to exclude world archery giant, Korea, for the obvious reason that they are just too good for this tournament," he said.

Mansor said, however, that the biennial event would not be without any attraction as the defending SEA Games gold medalists, Clint Sayo and Jo Ann Tabog, both from the Philippines, had confirmed their participation.

As for Malaysia, he said, the current national women champion Lim Geok Pong would lead the host nation's challenge together with former national champion Siti Aishah Sudin.

The tournament will be divided into two categories -- "recurve bow" and the "compound bow" -- involving only two distances of 18 and 25 metres. For the 18 event, the organiser will be using the 40cm target face while a 60cm target face will be used for the 25m event.

Mansor said points would be given using the "Combined FITA Indoor Round" system. -- BERNAMA

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