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SPORTS INCENTIVES WILL BE REVIEWED, SAYS MUHYIDDIN

KUALA LUMPUR, July 6 (Bernama) -- The cash incentives offered to athletes for their success in international competitions will be reviewed, Youth and Sports Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yasin said today.

He agreed that the incentives were too high and in certain cases could jeopardise the achievement of some athletes.

"We'll review the incentives according to the types of sports and levels of competitions to be fair to all sports," he said at a news conference after the presentation of national colours to the Atlanta Olympics '96 bound contingent by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir here.

He said the awarding of incentives was also not fair, benefitting only certain sports.

Muhyiddin also called on sports organisations to adopt scientific methods for training as well as detailed planning to enhance achievement of national athletes at the international level.

"We don't have to have the same builds of Europeans or Americans to be successful. If we use scientific methods we could be successful like other Asians countries," he said.

He said the National Sports Council (NSC) would be assigned to scout for suitable scientific methods while the Sports Science Institute was expected to produce the experts needed.

Muhyiddin said the ministry would intensify its sports programme for all Malaysians not only for competitions but recreation in line with the call by the Prime Minister. -- BERNAMA

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