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ARCHERY:SOUTH KOREA CONFIRMS PARTICIPATION

LANGKAWI, July 3 (Bernama) -- Defending champion South Korea is among four countries which have confirmed participation in the 10th Asian Archery championships here in November.

The others are Saudi Arabia, Japan and Myanmar.

National Archery Association of Malaysia (NAAM) president Datuk Abdul Halil Mutalib said today seven other nations -- Thailand, Indonesia, the Philippines, Singapore, China, India, Hong Kong -- have confirmed participation verbally.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is scheduled to open the championships, from Nov 19 to 27, which Malaysia is hosting for the first time, he said.

Abdul Halil expected all 22 countries in Asian Archery Federation (AAF), including Macau which was recently accepted into AAF, would take part in the championships.

A 5,000-seat mini stadium with facilities for archery costing about RM8 million had been completed for the event.

It forms part of the Langkawi Sports Complex .-- BERNAMA

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