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## Blueprint on sports facilities ready by June

TEMERLOH, Sat. - A comprehensive study on the sports infrastructure master plan, aimed at checking the lopsided development of sports facilities nationwide, is expected to be completed in June.

Youth and Sports Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said today the recommendations would then be forwarded to the Federal and State Governments for approval.

The blueprint, to be used for the next 20 years, is prepared by Prof Fredrick Roskam from Germany who was involved in the drawing up of a similar master plan for that country.

"The detailed study is important to ensure a balanced development of sports facilities in urban and rural areas. It will outline what is lacking in terms of sports facilities and the types of sports that will be emphasised," he said.

Muhyiddin was speaking after opening the "Sports for All" carnival organised by Perangsang Youth Association and Kampung Sanggang village development and security committee.

At present, development of sports infrastructure is done on ad hoc basis by the Federal and State Governments.

As a result, certain areas have more sports facilities than the others.

"Roskam will make recommendations based on information and data provided by the ministry and State Youth and Sports Departments."

He said the density of population in an area would be taken into consideration before a sports facility was provided.

Muhyiddin also said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad was expected to chair the Kuala Lumpur 98 Commonwealth Games main committee meeting on Nov 18.

Earlier, he called on government agencies, non-governmental organisations and youth associations to contribute to the efforts in increasing public awareness on the importance of sports.

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