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C'WEALTH GAMES: ALL GOVT AGENCIES TO BE INVOLVED

KUALA LUMPUR, June 18 (Bernama) -- The Cabinet has directed all government agencies to cooperate fully in ensuring success of next year's 16th Commonwealth Games here, Information Minister Datuk Mohamed Rahmat said today.

"The Commonwealth Games is a national project. The Cabinet wants everyone to cooperate to ensure the objective is achieved," he told a news conference after chairing the ministry's weekly meeting here.

Mohamed, who is also the Games' Publicity and Communication Committee Chairman, said he informed the Cabinet of the lack of cooperation by the local private print and electronic media to promote the event.

Ministry secretary-general Datuk Zawawi Mahmuddin would hold a meeting with media representatives next week to explain what was expected of them, he said.

Mohamed said his ministry had already activated in stages an action plan to promote the Games through broadcasting stations and the Information Department.

He said the Commonwealth Games Main Committee, chaired by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, had agreed to the action plan.

"As from end of this month, we will intensify promotional efforts to ensure that the people are aware of the Games' organisation and will get involved to ensure its success," he said.

Mohamed said a RM160-million International Broadcasting Centre was being set up in Angkasapuri for the Games' coverage.

It is due for completion by the middle of January next year.

He said the national news agency, Bernama, as host press Agency, would be allocated between RM15 million and RM20 million to set up a Main Press Centre for media representatives covering the Games. -- BERNAMA

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