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Chef-de-mission to be appointed soon

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THE chef-de-mission of Malaysia's contingent for the Kuala Lumpur 1998 Commonwealth Games will be appointed by the end of the year.

Both the Olympic Council Malaysia and National Sports Council have been asked to submit their list of candidates to the Sports Ministry.

The Ministry will shortlist the candidates and submit the names to the Sukom Council chaired by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad soon, said Sports Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin in Penang yesterday.

Muhyiddin, who was speaking to reporters after opening the Fina World Junior Diving championships at the Penang Aquatic Centre, said his Ministry would also appoint the mayor of the Games Village at the same time.

A total of 235 divers and coaches from 32 countries are competing in the five-day championships which marks the first time an international diving event is being held in the region.

The event is being jointly organised by the Amateur Swimming Union of Malaysia and Penang Amateur Swimming Association to stir local enthusiasm and interest in diving.

Sukom communications manager for events Stanley Charles Louis said the championships would be used to promote the Commonwealth Games.

The meet will also test the organisational abilities of diving officials before the Commonwealth Games.

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