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MAAU keen for a dry run

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THE Malaysia Amateur Athletics Union (MAAU) are keen to conduct a dry-run to prepare for the 1998 Commonwealth Games.

MAAU president Datuk Khalid Yunus said yesterday they are preparing to organise an international invitation in May next year.

"We will have to work out the details with Sukom '98 because the main stadium in Bukit Jalil is still under construction. We would like to hold it in conjunction with the official opening of the stadium by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad," said Khalid.

"I will be attending the World athletics championships in Athens on Aug 1-10 and will go all out to convince Commonwealth countries to attend the Games.

"We expect to receive a favourable response because to date, many Commonwealth countries have requested that they come early and have a first hand look at the Games facilities."

The meet will also serve as a test for the 200 officials selected for the Games.

"The meet is important to expose the officials, test stadium facilities like the photo-finish camera, scoreboard and computers that will provide instant results."

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