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Unique souvenirs for `98 Games winners

MACHANG, Sat. - A souvenir in the form of a bouquet of flowers made from dried rubber leaves will be presented to winners in all the events during the 1998 Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur in September.

Rural Development Minister Datuk Annuar Musa said the bouquets would be presented to the winners along with their medals.

He added the proposal to present the flowers made from dried rubber leaves was tabled by the Ministry and approved at the Cabinet meeting last Wednesday. "Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Moahamd also likes the idea and has given several suggestions to make the bouquet more attractive," he told reporters after opening a motivation and entrepreneurship course at Sekolah Kebangsaan Desa Pahlawan today.

Annuar believed that the bouquets would make memorable gifts for participants attending the Commonwealth Games.

"Besides the aesthetic value of the flowers, we are also able to promote our local handicraft," he said.

He also said that Risda had been directed to make the necessary preparations so that the flowers would be ready for the Commonwealth Games.

He added that Risda's Women organisation and the Smallholder's Women's Organisation would be entrusted to produce the flowers.

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