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Businesses pledge to buy Games tickets

BANGSAR Baru Business Council members have pledged to donate a minimum of RM300 or 10 per cent of their earnings from 6pm on Saturday towards the purchase of the 16th Commonwealth Games tickets.

Its president Ronnie Quay said the tickets would be given to members and also donated to students.

The announcement was made during a Press conference yesterday in conjunction with the 16th Commonwealth Games Bangsar Carnival which will take place in the business district of Bangsar Baru on Saturday.

Also present at the Press conference were BBBC vice-president Teng Wee Jeh, secretary Thong Kim Ying, assistant secretary Sally Lim and committee member Pat Wong.

Apart from BBBC's donation pledge, Quay said members of the Bangsar Hawkers and Small Traders Association would be donating RM25 each towards the purchase of the tickets.

The carnival, the main event of the Youth and Sports Ministry's publicity drive for the Games in the Klang Valley, will be launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at 9pm.

At the function, the Prime Minister will be receiving donation pledges from corporate bodies for the purchase of Games tickets. He will also be doing a walk-about in the area to visit some of the shops and stalls.

The public can book or buy tickets at the Sukom booth to be set up at the carnival.

In conjunction with the carnival, Quay said, the regular Saturday night market will be shifted to Sunday night.

In view of the important function, Quay said the police will close four roads in the business district.

"They are Jalan Telawi Dua, Tiga, Empat and Lima which will be closed to traffic from 4pm," he said.

He said the carnival which will also mark the first official visit by the Prime Minister to Bangsar Baru, will see several activities being carried out along designated roads.

"The roads will be the venue of a giant fun fair with brass band performance, a performance by the LimKokWing Institute choir, and street musicians and artistes performing on stages to be set up.

"There will also be various stalls set up along the roads selling knick-knacks and trinkets, food and also four to five stalls selling Commonwealth Games souvenirs," Quay said.

There will be a lion dance, Bhangra dance and kompany performances to welcome the Prime Minister on his arrival.

On the part of the business operators, Quay said they would be opening their outlets until 1pm but business will not be as usual.

"Most of the shops, the food outlets especially, will come up with menus created especially for the Commonwealth Games," Quay said, adding that one art salon will conduct portrait painting on the road.

Anticipating the large turnout and in view of the closure of the four roads, the council has suggested that the public park their vehicles at the Jolly Green Giant, Bangsar Seafood, at the end of Jalan Telawi 3 or Busana Mun Loong.

It has also asked the Bangsar Baru Residents Association to allow the public to park their cars in the residential area.

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