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Contest to design Camp Commonwealth flag

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KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. - The Malaysian Girl Guides Association has been given the honour by the United Kingdom Guides Association of designing the first official flag for the pre-Commonwealth Games Girl Guides' camp to be held here from Sept 5-12.

To come up with the best design, the association is organising a competition, details of which were given at a Press conference today by association president Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, chairman of the organising committee for the Girl Guides Camp Commonwealth '98.

Speaking at the association building in Jalan Pantai Baru, Dr Siti Hasmah said the competition would be open to the public aged 18 and above.

"It is a great honour that we have been given," she said. "The chosen flag will be used at all future Commonwealth Girl Guides' camps."

The rules of the competition are that a maximum of three colours (excluding black and white) can be used. The flag should measure 0.9 metres by 2.1m and all designs should be mounted on A3-sized cardboard (42cm by 29.5cm).

The meanings of any symbol used by contestants in their designs should be explained clearly.

There will be three main cash prizes and eight consolation prizes plus certificates of appreciation awarded to the winners at the camp's closing ceremony on Sept 10.

The camp is held by every host country prior to the Commonwealth Games. The venue this year is the Ulu Bendol Recreational Forest in Kuala Pilah, Negri Sembilan.

"We have been making detailed and careful preparations for the camp to ensure that everything runs smoothly," said Dr Siti Hasmah, who is also the wife of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

The camp will be officially opened by association patron, the Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Najihah. The closing ceremony, to take place one day before the start of the Commonwealth Games, will be attended by Commonwealth Secretary-General Chief Emeke Anyaoku.

Invitations have been sent to Girl Guides associations all over the world, not just those of Commonwealth countries. Thus far, 140 foreign participants have confirmed attendance. Altogether, 750 people are expected to attend the camp.

The closing date for applications to attend the camp is July 19. The closing date for entries to the flag design competition is July 15.

All entries should include name, identity card number, correspondence address and telephone number.

They should be sent to:

Camp Commonwealth Flag Design Competition,
Malaysian Girl Guides Association,
Wisma Pandu Puteri,
P.O Box 1121,
Jalan Pantai Baru,
59700 Kuala Lumpur.

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