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Dr M to open Bangsar Games carnival Aug 15

PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is scheduled to officiate the Bangsar Commonwealth Games carnival next week.

Youth and Sports Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said the event, to be held on August 15, will be the last leg of the 16th Commonwealth Games' promotion campaign which started early last month.

Speaking to newsmen in Kuala Lumpur yesterday, Muhyiddin said this carnival, which is also to boost ticket sales, will end on September 11.

The Bangsar Commonwealth Games carnival is jointly-organised by the ministry, Lembah Pantai Member of Parliament's office, Bangsar Baru Business Council and associations of residents in Bangsar.

Muhyiddin said the Bangsar carnival is aimed at supplementing the existing campaigns to woo the public to participate in the games.

"It is also aimed at providing information concerning the Games and to provide a lively atmosphere to the event. It is also to promote Bangsar as a tourist destination," he added.

Noting that the implementation of the Bangsar carnival is quite different from that of other Commonwealth Games campaigns, Muhyiddin said the former will have a mix of music, street entertainers and lights displays.

"Other than providing information about Commonwealth Games, the carnival will also include other activities such as food fair and sales of various souvenir items for the Games," he added.

On ticket sales, Muhyiddin said 87,000 tickets for the opening and closing ceremonies have been sold.

"We have received encouraging support from the public. The tickets were mostly sold in the Klang Valley and other parts of Selangor," he added.

Overall, he said a total of 222,300 of the 1.28 million printed tickets have been sold as at August 1.

Meanwhile, Muhyiddin said the presentation of the "Jalur Gemilang" flag to the Malaysian contingent for the Games will be held on August 12.

The ministry's parliamentary secretary Datuk Shahrizat Abdul Jalil, who is also Lembah Pantai MP, was also present at the press conference. She is the organising chairman of the Bangsar carnival as Bangsar is located within Lembah Pantai parliamentary constituency.

Bernamea reports: The Games Queen's Baton run final leg in Kuala Lumpur will be unique as it will be brought up the KL Tower, the KL City Centre twin towers and on the light rail transit (LRT).

Kuala Lumpur Datuk Bandar Tan Sri Kamaruzzaman Shariff said that by bringing the Baton to places of interest and the city's landmarks, more city dwellers will get a chance to see the Baton.

The one-day run on September 9 will start at Genting Sempah with Kamaruzzaman receiving the Baton from Pahang Menteri Besar Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob in the morning.

The run will proceed from the Karak highway towards the Putra World Trade Centre, Jalan Putra, Jalan Tuanku Abdul Rahman, Jalan Tun Perak, Jalan Raja Chulan, Kuala Lumpur Tower, Petronas Twin Towers, Jalan Bukit Bintang, LRT Star, Jalan Raja, Jalan Sultan Hishamuddin, Taman Tasik Perdana, Lebuhraya Mahameru, Jalan Parlimen and will end at the Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur in Jalan Raja Laut.

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