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Sukma-Closing  
DR MAHATHIR TO CLOSE 7TH SUKMA TOMORROW

SHAH ALAM, April 25 (Bernama) -- The 7th Malaysia Games (Sukma) will be closed by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in a ceremony here tomorrow which will see a couple of firsts.

Sukma director of operations Ch'ng Toh Eng said today that for the first time the closing ceremony would involve two stadiums -- the Shah Alam Stadium and the adjacent Shah Alam Indoor Stadium.

The Shah Alam Stadium, the athletics venue, is where the championship flame has been burning since the Games were officially opened on April 18.

The flame would be extinguished from inside the Indoor Stadium where the closing ceremony proper would be conducted, he said.

The process of putting out the flame will be shown on the Indoor Stadium's scoreboard, he said.

The only Sukma to have been closed by Dr Mahathir was the third edition which was held in Kuching in 1990, Ch'ng said.

Dr Mahathir will give away the inaugural trophy for the champion contingent and name the Best Male and Female Athletes of 7th Sukma.

Other highlights include the handing over of the Sukma flag to Pulau Pinang, who will host the next Games in two years' time.

The proceedings will be shown via closed-circuit on a huge screen outside the Indoor Stadium for the benefit of those who may not be able to get in.

A mini concert by singer Siti Nurhaliza will be held after the closing ceremony.

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