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FINAL PHASE DEVOTED TO MENTAL TRAINING

SEREMBAN, Aug 21 (Bernama) -- The Malaysian contingent to next month's 16th Commonwealth Games will enter their final lap of training when they move into "Kem Jaya" next week to boost their mental strength and spirits.

Chef-de-mission Datuk Khalid Yunus said today that the six-day motivation camp would begin at Universiti Tenaga Nasional in Bangi on Aug 26.

It was aimed at strengthening team spirit to encourage them to fight as one to bring glory to the country in the Games from Sept 11-21, he told reporters here after launching the Negeri Sembilan-level Sukom Special School Project.

After the camp, the athletes will check into the Games Village in Bukit Jalil.

Khalid said the athletes had shown an increasingly high level of spirit and commitment, especially after Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad gave them some words of encouragement and advice.

"This augurs well for the contingent because they have a common objective in striving for success and excellence as a team," he said.

He also said Games organisers Sukom Ninety Eight Berhad offered a 50 percent discount on bulk purchase of tickets meant for students.

Sukom marketing director Rosli Selamat said many applications for bulk purchases of tickets were received from schools in the Klang Valley, especially for the aquatics, gymnastics and badminton competitions.

He said ticket sales were a bit slow for boxing, which will be held at the 14,000-capacity Stadium Malawati in Shah Alam.

In his speech, Khalid said the special school project would see 52,360 school students going on all-expenses-paid trips to watch the Games through a RM3 million sponsorship.

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