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Make KL event a great success, urges PM

KUALA LUMPUR, Sat. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad tonight urged Malaysians to make the 16th Commonwealth Games a "great success" by turning up in full force to watch the events.

Dr Mahathir said the success of the Games, which will be held from Sept 11 to 22, depended not only on the athletes but also on the people.

"We have worked hard to bring the Commonwealth Games here and I am quite sure you will not let us down. You will go and see the events," he said at the Bangsar Carnival, which was held to promote the sale of tickets for the games and to promote Bangsar as a tourist destination.

Dr Mahathir told the 15,000 crowd that they should not buy the tickets for the purpose of donating, but should also make it a point to be present during the events.

He said the current economic problems should not distract the people from making the Games a success.

"Let me worry about the economic problems," he said.

The Prime Minister also reminded Malaysians to be a good host to the athletes, officials and spectators who would throng the Federal Capital and other venues.

Besides the Games, Dr Mahathir said the visitors would also be able to see how Malaysians of all races live in harmony.

After the launching, Dr Mahathir visited the various stalls along the Telawi area before opening the Bangsar Baru police beat.

Also present were Youth and Sports Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, Deputy Minister Datuk Loke Yuen Yow, Parliamentary secretary Datuk Shahrizat Jalil, who is also MP for Lembah Pantai and Sukom 98 Bhd chairman Jen (Rtd) Tan Sri Hashim Mohamed Ali.

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