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MANCHESTER TO HOST COMMONWEALTH GIRL GUIDES CAMP IN 2002

KUALA PILAH, Negeri Sembilan, Sept 10 (Bernama)-- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali today officially closed the 1998 Commonwealth Girl Guides Camp here.

Manchester in England will host the Commonwealth Girl Guides Camp in 2002, she said at the closing ceremony at the Ulu Bendul Recreation Forest near here.

Some 600 girl guides from 15 Commonwealth and non-Commonwealth nations attended the camp which began on Sept 5.

Commonwealth Secretary-General Chief Emeka Anyouku and his wife, Negeri Sembilan Menteri Besar Tan Sri Mohamad Isa Abdul Samad and his wife Puan Sri Hazizah Tumin were among the dignitaries present.

Dr Siti Hasmah said the camp had strengthened goodwill and understanding among the participants from various countries.

She said girl guides from Malaysia had been asked to design the Commonwealth Girl Guides Camp flag which would be hoisted at all such camps in future.

The camp participants would go on to Kuala Lumpur to witness the 16th Commonwealth Games beginning tomorrow.

Dr Siti Hasmah later handed over the flag to the head of the Manchester contingent Khaterine Turner.

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