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MELBOURNE WANTS TO HAVE FACILITIES AS GOOD AS KUALA LUMPUR'S

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 11 (Bernama) -- Melbourne, which is bidding to host the 18th Commonwealth Games in 2006, hopes it can provide the same standard of games facilities as Kuala Lumpur is offering.

Victoria's Premier Jeff Kennet said he was most impressed with the facilities at the Sports Complex in Bukit Jalil and was confident that the the games participants would be very happy with the facilities.

"I am also very impressed with the KL International Airport whose architectural design can be appreciated as a form of art," he told reporters after calling on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at the Prime Minister's office here today.

On his meeting with Dr Mahathir, Kennet said among other things he had expressed Victoria's willingness to enhance its cooperation with Malaysia especially in the fields of education and investment.

He said Victoria was also interested in participating in the Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC) and was keen on venturing into the service sector industry in Malaysia.

Later International Olympic Council president Juan Antonio Samaranch who is here for the Commonwealth Games also called on Dr Mahathir. He was accompanied by Malaysian Olympic Council president Tan Sri Hamzah Abu Samah.

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