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Expedition-Incentives

MINISTRY PREPARED TO CONSIDER INCENTIVE TO NORTH POLE FREE FALL EXPEDITION

KUALA LUMPUR, April 25 (Bernama) -- The Youth and Sports Ministry is prepared to consider giving incentives to the North Pole Free Fall Expedition after discussing it with Prime Minister Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

The Minister, Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, said he will discuss it with Dr Mahathir, as the patron of the expedition, on the issue before making any announcement on it.

"We are ready to consider the matter ... we value their contributions in promoting the country's name," he told reporters after a briefing by the Sukom Opening and Closing Ceremonies Committee at his office here today.

Muhyiddin said a rousing welcome will be given to the expedition members on their arrival at the Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah Airport in Subang near here tomorrow while another reception will be held on Monday.

He said the finance ministry and his ministry had contributed RM300,000 to the expedition.

Sinxteen Malaysians made a successful free fall in the North Pole on Tuesday.

They also planted a Malaysian flag and landed a Proton Wira 1.5 in the Arctic.

It is the second achievement of a Malaysian expedition following the successful conquest of Mount Everest on May 23, last year.

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