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Muhyiddin happy with progress at KLBA Stadium

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THE Kuala Lumpur Badminton Stadium in Cheras was given the thumbs up for the Commonwealth Games by Youth and Sports Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin yesterday.

Muhyiddin, on his inspection of the Games venue, said he was satisfied with the renovations at the stadium.

The cost of renovations came to RM2.8 million and only some minor work needs to be done before the stadium is ready on June 9.

Muhyiddin said: "Except for some minor adjustments to the scoreboard and the lightings, the stadium is ready for use.

"I'm happy with the condition of the stadium and its efficiency will be tested during the Asian Junior Championships on June 15-21."

There are 10 courts at the stadium which was the venue for the 1989 Sea Games badminton events.

"Some adjustments will be made to the position of the spotlights to avoid glare," said Muhyiddin.

The national squad is expected to train at the stadium next week and their views will be taken into consideration as to the adjustments made to the spotlights.

Muhyiddin also visited the Kuala Lumpur Velodrome further down Jalan Cheras and though renovation work was a bit slow, the minister was assured renovations would be completed by the end of the month.

"Two major things left are to fix the grandstand roof and the scoreboard which will be completed in a fortnight."

The parking at KLFA Stadium in nearby Jalan Tenteram will be used as additional parking lots for the badminton stadium and the velodrome.

"A shuttle service will be provided from the KLBA Stadium to these two venues."

Renovations to the velodrome, which seats 1,800, cost RM14.9 million.

Meanwhile, the opening of the pre-Commonwealth Games meets will be officiated by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on July 11.

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