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Commonwealth-Volunteers

20 FOREIGN VOLUNTEERS TO OFFER SERVICES

KUALA LUMPUR, April 23 (Bernama) -- Twenty volunteers from abroad will offer their services throughout the Commonwealth Games which will be held here from September 11 to 21.

Sukom Ninety Eight Berhad's (Sukom) director of human resources Mejar Jen (R) Datuk Abdul Kadir Nordin said Canadians formed the largest number of foreigners who applied to be Commonwealth Games volunteers.

Sukom had received 52 applications from volunteers abroad including Australia, United Kingdom, Ghana, South Africa, Brunei, Hongkong, Singapore, the United States and West Africa.

According to him, although there were applications from volunteers from Indonesia, Vietnam and Japan priority would be given to those from the Commonwealth countries.

"So far, Sukom had trained 17,609 volunteers and 2,232 of them had their training outside the Federal Territory," he added.

Sukom had organised 104 training courses up to March 10 while 16 other courses would be added between May and June.

Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia had trained 8,645 volunteers while the Telecoms Training Centre had trained 8,964 volunteers.

"I wish to inform once again that the meeting between the Prime Minister and the volunteers will be held on May 3 at the Mines Exhibition Hall, Sungai Besi and not on April 26 at the Merdeka Square as had been planned previously," he added.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will deliver an address at the meeting with the volunteers.

According to him, the KTM would provide additional commuter services for the Port Klang-Kuala Lumpur and Kuala Lumpur-Serdang sectors to facilitate travels for the volunteers for the meeting with the Prime Minister at the Mines.

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