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Police pick 5,600 to handle security, transport

A TOTAL of 5,600 policemen, including more than 300 from the traffic branch, have been specially selected to handle security and transport at all 23 venues for a month during the Commonwealth Games.

Youth and Sports Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said yesterday police were also prepared to call in reinforcements if required.

The selected policemen have been undergoing a series of courses on crisis management to handle any eventualities before, during and immediately after the Games.

"So far, there have not been any major catastrophes in the history of the Games and we hope the KL Games will be incident-free for the benefit of the spectators and participants," Muhyiddin said after a briefing at Bukit Aman.

\* POS Malaysia, with 620 post offices nationwide, will help sell the estimated 1.2 million tickets for the Games if requested.

Executive chairman Tan Sri Zainol Mahmood said they were willing to help Games organisers Sukom in any way possible to make the Games a success.

"We will always extend our co-operation," he said after Pos Malaysia was yesterday appointed the official postal services provider for the Games.

As the postal services provider, Pos Malaysia will set up three post offices - at the International Zone of the Games Village, Mint Hotel, and Angkasapuri, where the International Broadcasting Centre is located - to serve the international media.

\* KTM Bhd will provide additional commuter services on Sunday in conjunction with the Prime Minister's meeting with Commonwealth Games volunteers at the Mines Resort City.

Some 16,000 Games volunteers are expected to gather there to hear Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's address.

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