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Song dedicated to Games

PETALING JAYA, Thurs. - A song has been written for the 16th Commonwealth Games to be held in Kuala Lumpur in September.

Titled Standing in the Eyes of the World, the song will be performed by Ella (Malay version) and Ning Baizura (English version) when Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad opens the National Sports Complex at Bukit Jalil on Saturday.

"The idea for this song was inspired by the theme song for the Barcelona Games (1992 Olympics) titled Friends Forever.

"We wanted a song to reflect the Malaysian spirit of wanting to host the Commonwealth Games," said Youth and Sports Ministry secretary-general Datuk Ahmad Bakri Shabdin during a pre-listening session of the song.

The song is the result of the collaboration between songwriter/record producer Wah Idris and singer/composer David Gates, vocalist of the now defunct American band, Bread.

At the Press conference, Wah said he and Gates came up with the song after a three-hour discussion.

The song sung by Ella will be available on cassette at RM8 on Saturday at the complex.

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