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Sukom will bring renown to Malaysia, says minister

KOTA KINABALU, Sun. - Malaysians should be proud that the country is hosting the Commonwealth Games in September, Federal Land and Cooperative Development Minister Datuk Osu Sukam said.

"Malaysia hosting the Games not only shows that the world acknowledges our leadership, but shows that the world also respects us as a country," he said.

He said one important aspect that enabled Malaysia to host Sukom '98 was Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's credibility as a leader.

Osu was launching the Sukom countdown billboard at the Sabah Electricity Board compound, today.

The billboard is sponsored by Sukom Sabah volunteers known as Semangat Kinabalu '98.

Osu also pledged RM5,000 from his ministerial allocation for Sukom volunteers in Sabah.

Osu said not only would Sukom introduce Malaysia to the world but help revive its economy.

He also commended volunteers from Sabah for coming up with the billboard at the Karamuning junction.

Earlier, Sukom Ninety Eight Berhad Human Resource manager, Mej Jen (B) Datuk Kadir Nordin said some 50,700 volunteers had registered to help.

"We also have about 300 applications from Australia, New Zealand, Canada and England from interested people," he said.

Also present was Sukom Sabah volunteers chairman Jamaludin @ Jamal Jinal.

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