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Tickets for KL Games opening ceremony sold out

KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. - Tickets for the opening ceremony of the 16th Commonwealth Games have been sold out. Only a small number are available for the closing ceremony on Sept 21.

Youth and Sports Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said sales would surpass the 300,000 mark by today.

"Until Saturday, 299,065 tickets worth some RM16 million were sold and we are confident the target of 500,000 tickets will be achieved," he said.

Asked about price reduction or free distribution if efforts to sell tickets failed, he said the decision would be made "when the time comes".

Muhyiddin was speaking to reporters after accepting his Commonwealth Games VIP accreditation card during a ceremony hosted by Kodak (M) Sdn Bhd to mark the 25-day countdown to the Games at the Palace of Golden Horses.

Kodak, official imaging sponsor of the Games, is providing 25 Digital Imaging Capture machines to make the cards.

More than 40,000 people will receive accreditation cards through four centres - at Stadium Negara, Kuala Lumpur International Airport (for foreign participants and media), Langkawi (for the shooting event) and the Palace of Golden Horses (for VIPs).

Also were Sukom Ninety Eight Bhd executive chairman Jen (rtd) Tan Sri Hashim Mohamed Ali, Sukom marketing committee chairman Tunku Imran Tunku Jaafar and Kodak vice-president for Asia Pacific Ed Hoppe.

Apart from Muhyiddin, Hashim also received his accreditation card. The Minister also accepted the cards for Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali.

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