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TICKET SALES REACH THE 300,000 MARK

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 17 (Bernama) -- Ticket sales for the 16th Commonwealth Games here next month have almost reached the 300,000 mark and the organisers will now focus on athletics, cricket, gymnastics and hockey competitions to boost the sale.

Youth and Sports Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said the latest figures showed that a total of 299,065 tickets worth RM16.25 million have been sold until Saturday.

"We hope to surpass the 300,000 figure this week. The sales have improved vastly due to our promotion campaign," he told reporters after receiving his accreditation card for the games from Kodak here today.

Muhyiddin said they would now focus on promoting sports with bigger stadium capacity like athletics, gymnastics, cricket and hockey as there are lot of tickets available for them.

Asked about the possibility of the games being affected by rain, Muhyiddin said the Technical Committee would make the necessary adjustments to ensure events disrupted by bad weather are held within the duration of the games.

"We hope the weather will be good during the Games. But if it rains, the technical committee will then decide on the best alternatives like rescheduling the events," he said.

On the opening ceremony, Muhyiddin said preparations were going on well and the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad was expected to watch one of the rehearsals on Thursday.

"The preparations are going on well...it looks like we can have the show tomorrow itself. The installation of equipment is expected to be completed by end of the month," he said.

On accreditation cards, Muhyiddin said about 15,000 cards are ready for collection, including for athletes and officials.

Kodak, which has provided 20 Digital Image Capture, will print over 40,000 accreditation cards for all working staff, sponsors, VIPs, athletes, officials, volunteers and the media at centres here and in Langkawi.

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