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1.3 MILLION READY TO "WALK FOR THE NATION"

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 1 (Bernama) -- A total of 1,322,800 Malaysians have signed up to "walk for the nation", Youth and Sports Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said today.

He said more were expected to join the programme organised by the Youth and Sports Ministry to show the people's support for Malaysia's bid to host the 15th Asian Games in the year 2006.

The deadline to sign up for the programme is Nov 3.

"We may not extend the deadline as it could create problems even though our target is two million. However those interested can still sign up before Nov 3".

Muhyiddin said this after receiving a Proton Wira 1.6 and Perodua Kembara EX sponsored by DRB-Hicom Group and Perusahaan Otomobil Kedua (Perodua), here.

The two cars will be the main prizes for the lucky draw held in conjunction of the event. Other prizes include a Modenas Jaguh, four Modenas Kriss, two Suzuki and three Honda motorcycles.

Muhyiddin hoped the attractive prizes would lure more to register for the event.

The national-level Walk For The Nation will be led by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at Taman Tasik Titiwangsa here on Saturday.

The event will be held simultaneously at 293 locations in 116 districts nationwide.

As of today Perak leads in the number of participants with 150,000 followed by Sabah (121,531), Johor (120,010), Pahang (117,024), Sarawak (115,003), Kelantan (113,300), Kuala Lumpur (111,500) while other states have more than 50,000 walkers each.

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