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MORE THAN 50,000 PARTICIPANTS EXPECTED AT SPORTS CARNIVAL

KUALA LUMPUR, April 27 (Bernama) -- More than 50,000 participants from all strata of society will participate in the second Sports Carnival For Everyone (KESUMA) at the Bukit Jalil Sports Complex, here in September.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is expected to declare open the four-day carnival on Sept 4, said Youth and Sports Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, here today.

He said the 50,000 participants would participate in all sports events including four inter-state events.

The four inter-state events are netball, volley ball, sepak takraw and the art of self-defence while the open events are futsal (five-a-side football) basket ball, beach volley ball, carroms, chess, wall climbing and the walk event.

"Except for national or state athletes, everyone are eligible to participate in the carnival free of charge," he told reporters after chairing the carnival's organising committee meeting at his office.

Muhyiddin said while the government would spend RM1.5 million for the sport, the private sectors were requested to contribute funds for the carnival.

He said the objective of KESUMA was to realise the concept of Sports For Everyone where every individual had an opportunity to participate in the sport and recreation of his or her own choice.

Besides the sports events, Muhyiddin said an exposition of sports and recreational items would also be held at the sports complex.

KESUMA is managed by the Youth and Sports Ministry and is held once in two years alternately with Sukan Malaysia (SUKMA). The first KESUMA was held in 1997 with 20,000 participants.

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