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Walk

MORE THAN A MILLION TO WALK IN SUPPORT OF ASIAD BID

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 24 (Bernama) -- More than one million people throughout the country are expected to participate in the "Great Walks for Nation" on Nov 6 to whip up public support for Malaysia's bid to host the 2006 Asian Games.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will launch the programme involving people from all walks of life.

The walks would be held simultaneously but not there would be no competitions, a spokesman of the organisers said today.

Families and even the handicapped were encouraged to participate, he said.

At the national level, the walk would be held at the Taman Tasik Titiwangsa over a 3km route, he said.

The Youth and Sports Ministry and related agencies, and non-governmental organisations are organising the walks to be held at cities and towns.

Apart from inculcating the spirit of patriotism among Malaysians, the programme will also show Malaysia's determination to get the host job for the Games.

It would symbolise the people's willingness to work together in the spirit of Malaysia Boleh, the spokesman said.

Malaysia is making a serious bid for the 2006 Asian Games following its success in hosting the Commonwealth Games last September.

Souvenirs like t-shirts and key chains would also be sold as part of promotions for Malaysia's bid, he said.

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