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Tattoo draws overwhelming response

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. - The Armed Forces Tattoo '99, to be held tomorrow and Sunday, received overwhelming response for 200,000 free passes which were snapped up by the public.

The passes, obtainable from all Star LRT stations and the tattoo secretariat at the Bukit Jalil National Stadium, were all snapped up within hours after they were made available on Sunday.

Described as an "unexpected response", the event's organiser is now at its wits end as requests for more passes are continuing to pour in.

An official of the tattoo's organising committee said the committee was trying to find a solution as it was expecting more requests for the passes as the event drew closer.

One of the solutions being considered, he said, was to issue additional passes for the tattoo themed, Angkatan Tentera Pada Alaf Baru or the Armed Forces in the New Millennium.

"If this is decided, we cannot issue too many additional passes as the stadium will be in full capacity, even without the additional passes.

"Although we like to please everyone, we cannot go overboard as the security of spectators should also be considered," he added.

The official attributed the overwhelming response to the tattoo's seven-year absence.

The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Siti Aishah, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Cabinet Ministers are expected to attend the event tomorrow.

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