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Muhyiddin-Asian Games

THE PEOPLE URGED TO SUPPORT GOVERNMENT'S BID TO HOST 2006 GAMES

PULAU PINANG, March 23 (Bernama) -- Malaysians will be asked to show their support for the government's efforts to bid for the 2006 Asian Games.

Youth and Sports Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said today the move would provide the momentum before Malaysia submitted her bid and official documents at the Olympic Council of Asia's (OCA) general assembly in Kuwait in October.

Speaking at a press conference after attending the Malaysian Youth and Sports Coordination Committee meeting here, he said a detailed programme on getting the peoples' support would be announced soon.

Among others, he said the people would also be asked to participate in the "Great Walk" programme, walking for the nation to show their support for the 2006 Asian Games to be held in Kuala Lumpur.

"So far, support had been received from the sports bodies and the government and it is now time for the people to show their support," he said.

Meanwhile, Muhyiddin said the government had agreed to extend the Rakan Muda Programme to land development schemes nationwide.

He said RM1 million had been allocated this year to implement the programme in Felda and Felcra land schemes in the states including in Sabah and Sarawak to tackle social issues in these areas.

He said cooperation had been received from 309 youth bodies with about 40,000 members in the areas concerned to participate in the programmes which were also extended to institutions of higher learning last year.

For the Youth Day celebrations, he said the ministry was planning to hold a dialogue between Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and youth leaders nationwide.

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