

Schools can have this Sunday or Monday off

KUALA LUMPUR, Wed: Schools nationwide can have this Sunday or Monday as a public holiday in appreciation of the efforts put in by teachers and students in the 21st SEA Games which ended last Monday

Youth and Sports Minister Datuk Hishammuddin Hussein said this was decided at today's cabinet meeting.

"The prime minister has agreed to allow the public holiday as many teachers and more than 8,000 students were directly involved in the games including

the large number who turned up to give support."

Schools which started on Sunday can take this Sunday off and those which started on Monday, can take Monday off, he said.

"The cabinet wished to congratulate and thank the national contingent, volunteers, police and military personnel, students and those who had helped make the games a success."

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had declared Saturday a public holiday at the closing ceremony on Monday night

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Following Malaysia's triumph as overall champion.

It was, he said, a gift to Malaysians whose support motivated national athletes to stamp Malaysia's supremacy for the first time in the 42-year history of the regional games.

In **PUTRAJAYA**, Human Resources Minister Datuk Dr Fong Chan Onn said employees should not be forced to work this Saturday

He said those who are required to work should be compensated with double pay or an extra day off.