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Sports-Premier Run

15,000 EXPECTED IN "PREMIER RUN"

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 30 (Bernama) -- Some 15,000 runners are expected to take part in the highlight of the SEA Games Run known as the Premier Run on Sept 7, said Youth and Sports Deputy Minister Datuk Ong Tee Keat.

He said registration for the event was now open to the public until 3pm on the day of the run.

Ong urged all state and district level sports bodies to mobilise their members to take part in the run.

The run will begin at 4.30pm in Padang Merbok here and the SEA Games torch is expected to be presented to the Prime Minister at the Merdeka square at 5pm, he told reporters here.

"Kuala Lumpur Datuk Bandar Tan Sri Kamaruzzaman Shariff, as the last runner, will pass the torch to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at the Merdeka Square," he said.

He said the torch would then be lighted at the Merdeka Square before it was taken to the National Stadium in Bukit Jalil the next day.

Earlier Ong handed over the SEA Games flags to representatives of 55 sports bodies and non-governmental organisations (NGOs).

On the SEA Games Run, he said the event had covered 11,451km and 1,215 towns nationwide.

He said 1.1 million people had taken part in the SEA Games Run so far.

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