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## Friendship Voyage stops at Singapore

KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. - The Asean Voyage of Friendship 2001 completed another leg today with a six-aircraft flight to Singapore.

Comprising the Malaysian-assembled ERM Zodiac and the MD Aerotiga, plus three Piper aircraft from the Singapore Youth Flying Club, the entourage first left the Royal Malaysian Air Force base here at about 9.30am for Senai airport in Johor Baru.

The group later took off from the Senai airport at about 2pm accompanied by another Cessna aircraft from the Johor FRAS.

According to a statement released here today, the entourage arrived at the Seletar airport in Singapore at 2.30pm.

They were received by Singapore's Sports Council deputy director Eric Soong.

The entourage is scheduled to call on the republic's Minister of Community Development and Sports Abdullah Tarmugi tomorrow, where they will hand over the invitation scroll for the 21st SEA Games to be held in Kuala Lumpur.

The invitation is extended to all Singaporeans to attend the games which will be held from Sept 8-17.

The expedition which started on July 17 has covered Jakarta, Manila, Bandar Seri Begawan and now Singapore.

The next leg, to commence on Aug 5, will cover all northern Asean countries.

The Asean Voyage of Friendship 2001 was launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on July 14 as part of the Ministry of Youth and Sports' Rakan Muda Aviation programme.

Rakan Muda's junior trainee pilots, Nadia Ahmad Khairi and Delwin Teo, are part of the entourage, as co-pilots.

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