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Huge turnout for Games run

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THE KL Sea Games Run for Kinta Valley yesterday morning received encouraging public support when more than 1,500 participants, including foreigners, joined the event.

State Youth and Sports Committee chairman Datuk Jamal Nasir Rasdi was chosen as the first bearer of the torch before it was passed on to the others in the three-kilometre run around the State Youth and Sports complex.

The foreigners are participants of the Malaysian International Youth Festival who are camping at Gunung Lang recreational park from May 10 to 16.

The run was also held to commemorate the National Youth Day celebration which will be closed by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at Perak Stadium tomorrow night.

About 30 members of the Kinta District Amateur Athletics Association later took the torch to several hotels and shopping complexes in the city, including the Syuen Hotel, Casuarina ParkRoyal Hotel, Greentown Mall, Ipoh Parade and Kinta City.

Tomorrow, the torch will be taken to schools and colleges in the Kinta Valley.

Earlier, Jamal Nasir also launched several sports activities such as skate boarding, rock climbing and BMX cycling at the complex in conjunction with the Sea Games Rakan Muda carnival.