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Judo and fencing added to Sukma

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JUDO and fencing are two new events to be introduced in the ninth Malaysia Games (Sukma) in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, on Sept 5-14 next year.

The two are among 27 sports events which will be contested during the Games, Sabah Chief Minister Datuk Chong Kah Kiat said yesterday.

He said there was a total of 339 gold, 339 silver and 404 bronze medals up for grabs at the Games.

"We hope to win as many medals as possible," Chong said when asked what Sabah's target for the Games was.

Speaking to reporters after chairing a committee meeting on the Games at the Sabah Legislative Assembly building in Kota Kinabalu, Chong said preparations for Sukma was progressing smoothly.

"Construction at the Likas Sports Complex which will be the main venue is progressing ahead of schedule. There will be no delay in getting the stadium ready," he said.

Yang di-Pertua Negeri Tun Sakaran Dandai is scheduled to open the games officially on Sept 7.

The closing ceremony will be officiated by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Sept 14 at the same venue.

The draw for group events will be held on July 15 next year while Penang Chief Minister Tan Sri Koh Tsu Koon will hand over the Games torch to Sabah on Aug 1 in Kota Kinabalu.

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