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SEA GAMES TORCH ARRIVES AT CITY HALL HQ

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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 6 (Bernama) -- The 21st SEA Games Run reached the City Hall Building in Jalan Raja Laut here today, after touring Kuala Lumpur for 11 days since Aug 27 and covering a distance of 112km.

Datuk Bandar Tan Sri Kamaruzzaman Shariff received the torch from Bukit Bintang SEA Games Run Committee chairman Datuk Dr Lee Chong Meng at the building's compound.

Today's leg of the run was flagged off at the Sungei Wang Plaza shopping complex in Bukit Bintang at 3pm and arrived at the City Hall building some one hour and 45 minutes later.

It involved 1,500 participants including 20 members of the Malaysian Paralympic Sports Council.

Tomorrow, the 21st SEA Games Run enters its final stretch, with the torch taken from Padang Merbok to the Merdeka Square.

Tomorrow's leg of the SEA Games run will be known as the Premier Run where Kamaruzzaman is expected to hand over the torch to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at the Merdeka Square.

So far about 1.2 million runners have taken part in the event which has covered 11,507km including 1,426 towns and villages nationwide.

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