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TURN OUT IN FORCE FOR PREMIER RUN

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 3 (Bernama) -- The public have been urged to give their full support to the Premier Run on Friday which will mark the end of the Kuala Lumpur leg of the 21st SEA Games torch run.

Federal Territory Youth and Sports Department Director Ong Ang Ieam said Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad would officiate at the Premier Run.

The prime minister will receive the torch from Kuala Lumpur Datuk Bandar Tan Sri Kamaruzaman Sharif and then light it at Dataran Merdeka.

"The department wishes to make the Premier Run the most colourful and meaningful run ever," Ong told Bernama here today.

Supporting events, including an aerobics session with the prime minister, have been lined up for the occasion.

The department expects at least 15,000 people to join the run which will begin at 3.30pm at Padang Merbok and end at Dataran Merdeka at 4.30pm.

Those wishing to register for the run can go to the department at 4029, Jalan Kampung Pandan, Kuala Lumpur, or telephone 03-9813820 or 03-9813815.

Registrations are also accepted at the Premier Run Secretariat, Youth and Sports Ministry, Blok G, Kompleks Bukit Perdana, Kuala Lumpur (tel:03-26908301).

On-the-spot registrations can also be made at Padang Merbok from 3pm on the day of the run.

Ong urged government departments and the private sector to give time off to their staff to participate in the run.

Some 10,000 people have signed up for the run.

The torch, which entered Labuan from Brunei last March 10, will be taken to the National Stadium in Bukit Jalil on Saturday for the opening ceremony of the Games.

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