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More rewards roll in for lifter Amirul

KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. - National weightlifter Amirul Hamizan Ibrahim, who won three record-breaking gold medals at the Manchester Commonwealth Games last month, can expect more rewards.

Member of Parliament for Rompin Datuk Jamaluddin Jarjis today said a gathering would be held to honour the Rompin-born athlete.

"We are discussing with his family on how to help him win more honours for the country. We will provide help for him to qualify for higher-level events like the Asian Games or even the Olympics.

"We also want to help him prepare for his future after his sporting career is over."

He was speaking after accompanying Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to witness the Centenary International Horse Show 2002 at the Selangor Polo and Riding Club here today.

Jamaluddin, who is also Tenaga Nasional chairman, said he did not want to see national athletes without a good future after their sporting days were over.

He said officials from Universiti Tenaga Nasional, located in Muazam Shah, were discussing with Amirul to determine a course that would suit the athlete.

"If he excels in his studies here, we can finance his studies overseas, if he wants to further his studies."

He said Amirul could take up a course in sports science or sports management as there was a shortage of qualified personnel in these fields.

He said details of the assistance for Amirul would be finalised by the end of this week.