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Sports-Sukma

NINETEEN CONTINGENTS FOR SUKMA 2004

SEREMBAN, June 3 (Bernama) -- Nineteen contingents will compete in 30 sports events at the 10th Sukan Malaysia (Sukma) scheduled to be held here from May 28 to June 2, 2004.

The contingents are Negeri Sembilan, Brunei, Kedah, Pahang, Johor, Perak, Terengganu, Perlis, Melaka, Sabah, Penang, Kuala Lumpur, Labuan, Kelantan, Sarawak, Selangor, Malaysian Schools Sports Council (MSSM), Royal Malaysia Police and the Malaysian Universities Sports Council (Masum).

State Youth and Sports Action Council Chairman Zakaria Nordin said Yang di-Pertuan Besar Negeri Sembilan Tuanku Ja'afar would launch the biennial event while Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will attend the closing.

The events include athletics, swimming and diving, boxing, netball, sepak takraw, badminton, golf, hockey, tenpin bowling, tennis, gymnastic, gymrama, squash, lawn bowls, football, shooting, wushu, ping pong and cricket - to be held in Seremban.

Archery, karate-do and judo would be held in Rembau; rugby, silat olahraga, weightlifting and volleyball - Kuala Pilah; and sailing, basketball, fencing, taekwando and cycling - Port Dickson.

Zakaria said Stadium Tuanku Abdul Rahman and the Tan Sri Haji Mohamad Said Sports Complex were being upgraded. The Paroi Swimming Complex, shooting range in Mantin and the indoor stadium in Nilai were also being upgraded.

"We hope all the work will be done by the end of this year," he said.

Meanwhile, the deer was chosen as mascot for the event themed "Atlet Cemerlang Negara Gemilang".

The official logo, song and website were also launched by Menteri Besar Tan Sri Mohamed Isa Abdul Samad in a colourful ceremony at the Seremban Municipal Council field here last Sunday.

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