

Silat Exponents Kick Their Way For DPM Cup
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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 16 (Bernama) -- The five-day International Pencak Silat Championship 2011 vying for the Deputy Prime Minister (DPM) Cup starting today is part of efforts to tap new talents, especially among undergraduates, to represent the country.

Tournament coordinator Azli Pudin said he was happy with the tremendous response from spectators, who came to watch the matches at the Berjaya Times Square here since this morning.

"From my observation, I found that local silat exponents in the second edition were much better than before, and it is an encouraging development in the sport," he told Bernama here Friday.

In the preliminary round for local exponents, 62 matches involving 434 exponents in men's and women's events were held today.

The preliminary round for foreign exponents involving athletes from Singapore, Thailand, Indonesia and Vietnam as well as Yemeni and Somali students will begin tomorrow.

Singapore emerged the overall champions in the International Pencak Silat Championship last year.

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