

**Najib Wishes All the Best for Athletes Competing at Sukma 2016**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, July 23 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak today wishes the best of luck to all athletes competing at the 18th edition of Malaysia Games (Sukma) in Sarawak.

In his latest posting on Facebook and Twitter, the prime minister said he hoped that all the athletes would compete with one another with high level of sportsmanship.

"Insya-Allah (God willing), the 2016 Sukma in Sarawak will be officially open tonight. To the athletes from all the participating states, go on and compete with a full spirit of sportsmanship. May the best athletes succeed.

"I wish you all the best," he said.

Sukma, which is being held from July 22 to 31, will see 19 sports being contested in Kuching and Samarahan, while Sibul would host the badminton and volley ball events, besides Miri as the venue for karate, sepak takraw and yachting events.

The opening ceremony of the games at Stadium Sarawak, Petra Jaya, tonight, which will be graced by Yang Dipertua Negeri Sarawak Tun Abdul Taib Mahmud, would see more than 3,500 performers turning the pitch into a giant LED screen.

Local artistes, including Hafiz and Bob, Miss World 2014 participant and model Dewi Liana Seriestha and talented violinist Nisa Adina, will perform at the ceremony.

As at yesterday, Federal Territory is at the top spot in the medals table with 11 gold, eight silver and five bronze medals, followed by Sarawak (8-4-9) and Penang (8-3-6).

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