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**CHEF DE MISSION FROM PARTICIPATING MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE
ASEAN PARA SPORTS FEDERATION (APSF) ATTEND BRIEFING ON
UPCOMING KL'09 ASEAN PARA GAMES**

SELANGOR, 27th June 2009 – The Kuala Lumpur Asean Para Games Organizing Committee (KLAPGOC) along with its affiliate the Malaysian Paralympic Council (MPC) had invited the chef de mission from 11 of the participating member countries of the Asean Para Sports Federation (APSF) to attend a progress meeting briefing on the upcoming KL'09 Asean Para Games at the USJ Summit Hotel today. All but Timor-Leste and Cambodia had attended the 4-day event. The chef de mission had arrived yesterday and will leave on the 29th of June 2009.

The Chef de Mission's primary role is to:

1. Provide overall leadership to the Team
2. support and promote the Team by creating an on-site environment for athletes and coaches conducive to achieve optimal performance.
3. Encourage and motivate, providing the services to the Team, through creative and innovative leadership thinking AND
4. Be the spokesperson for the Team.

The agenda of the meeting focused on updates concerning the following:

1. Briefing on Sports & Technical updates
2. Briefing on Doping Control
3. Briefing on Medical
4. Briefing on Classification

In lieu of the progress meeting, a press conference was held after and was chaired by the Chairman of the Kuala Lumpur Asean Para Games Organising Committee, Ybhg Dato' Zainal Abu Zarin, who addressed the media on the updates and progress of the upcoming KL'09 5th Asean Para Games and shared issues raised by the chef de mission from their respective nations.

The meeting will conclude tomorrow (28th June 2009) with all chef de mission to visit each event venue. The venues include:

1. Nation Stadium (Athletics)
2. Putra Stadium (Powerlifting)
3. National Aquatic Centre (Swimming)
4. Mega Lanes Endah Parade (Tenpin Bowling)
5. Commonwealth Hall, Bukit Jalil (Chess)

For further information please refer to the fact sheet.

FACT SHEET

ENTRY FEES

The Entry Fee for each delegation member including officials, coaches and competitors will be USD470 (APSF capitation fee included)

Extra officials will be charged USD800 each. 10% of the entry fee must be paid when returning the Second Entry. The balance of the amount must be paid when returning the Final Entry Forms.

SPORT SANCTIONING

1. International Paralympic Committee Sanction

- Athletics
- Swimming
- Powerlifting

Note: IPC – world rank list

2. Asian Paralympic Committee Sanction

- Badminton
- Tenpin Bowling
- Chess

3. World Organization Volleyball for Disabled

- Sitting Volleyball

4. International Tennis Federation

- Wheelchair Tennis

5. Not Sanctioned

- Table Tennis
- Sailing
- Wheelchair Basketball

ACCOMODATION

- Palace of Golden Horses Hotel (**Family Hotel**)
- Pearl International Hotel, Jln Klang Lama (**Athletes**)
- Residence Hotel, Uniten Bangi (**Athletes**)
- The Summit Hotel, Subang Jaya (**Athletes**)
- Olympic Hotel (**Technical Officials**)

MEDICAL SERVICES

- All Hotels – 24 Hour Clinic
- All Venues – Medical Cover Available

Ambulance Services

Health Services

Paramedic Services

REFERRAL HOSPITALS

- Kuala Lumpur Hospital
- Serdang Hospital
- HUKM
- University Hospital
- Port Dickson Hospital

DOPING CONTROL

The KI'09, 5th Asean Para Games Organizing Committee (KLAPGOC) is sending a clear message to all member countries and the public concerning its stand against the use of banned substances and banned practices to enhance performance.

Doping conducted during the KL'09, 5th Asean Para Games by Doping Control Committee and UNISAINS MALAYSIA, Penang (IOC Accredited Lab)

ON-GOING PROCESS

1. Support from the Ministry of Youth & Sports:
 - a. The Financial Support
 - b. The Organizational Support
2. The Support of other Government Agencies related
3. The Promotion and Marketing of the Games
4. The fund Raising initiatives and efforts
5. The focus on critical areas of the Games
6. International Relations and Communications
7. Meetings with venue owners

OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES

1. Awareness on PWD's rights and aspirations:
 - a. BIWAKO Millenium
 - b. UN Convention of Rights for the Disabled
 - c. AKTA OKU Malaysia
 - d. AKTA Pembangunan Sukan
 - e. Dasar Sukan Negara
2. Barrier Free, inclusive of society & rights based needs
3. Change of Perceptions in Values, Mentality and Attitude
(OKU, Family, Community, Government & Private Sectors)
4. Campaign for smoke and drug free as well as green games
5. Sports as the effective medium and platform for OKU