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SPEECH TEXT

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EVENT

**THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY OF ASIA PACIFIC
MASTERS GAMES (APMG) REGISTRATION
COUNTER**

BY

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**PERKARANGAN KAUNTER PESUKA
TINGKAT BAWAH, MENARA MPSP**

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Terima kasih Saudara/Saudari Pengacara Majlis

Yang Berhormat Puan Chong Eng

Ahli Majlis Mesyuarat Kerajaan Negeri Pulau Pinang
Merangkap Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Belia dan Sukan, Pembangunan
Wanita, Keluarga dan Komuniti

Yang Dihormati Ahli-Ahli Majlis

Majlis Perbandaran Seberang Perai

Yang Berusaha Puan Ir. Hj Rosnani Binti Hj Mahmud

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Yang Berusaha Puan Linda Gay

Chief Executing Officer
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Majlis Perbandaran Seberang Perai

Rakan-Rakan Media

Tuan-Tuan Dan Puan-Puan Yang Dihormati Sekalian

Selamat pagi dan salam sejahtera,

Alhamdulillah, bersyukur kehadiran Allah S.W.T. kerana dengan izinnya dapat kita bersama-sama pada hari ini bagi Majlis Pelancaran Kaunter Pendaftaran *Asia Pacific Masters Games* (APMG), yang akan disempurnakan oleh Yang Berhormat Puan Chong Eng, Ahli Majlis Mesyuarat Kerajaan Negeri Pulau Pinang Merangkap Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Belia dan Sukan, Pembangunan Wanita, Keluarga dan Komuniti. Tidak lupa juga rakaman jutaan terima kasih kepada Puan Linda Gay dan sekalung penghargaan daripada Majlis Perbandaran Seberang Perai kepada semua yang hadir dan yang telah menjayakan majlis ini. Izinkan saya seterusnya berucap dalam Bahasa Inggeris.

Yang Berhormat, ladies and gentlemen

This year from 7 to 15 September, Penang will be hosting for the first-ever multi-sports Masters Games to be held in Asia, the Asia Pacific Masters Games (APMG) 2018. The APMG is unique as there is no qualifying or selection process involved. You just need to be of a certain age in your chosen sport. On average, the minimum age required to participate is 30 years old.

This event is expected to attract more than 5,000 participants from all

over the world to Penang. From this number, around 60% or 3,000 are expected to be foreign participants. There are 21 sports in 26 sports venues all over the state. It is not just on the island, but in Seberang Perai as well.

The sports that will be played in the APMG Penang 2018 are Archery, Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Cycling, Football, Golf, Hockey, Lion Dance, Netball, Shooting, Softball, Squash, Swimming, Table Tennis, Taekwondo, Tennis, Tenpin Bowling, Volleyball, Weightlifting and Wushu.

We feel very proud since now Seberang Perai is able to provide venues for the prestigious Asia Pacific Masters Games. It is indeed a great honour for Seberang Perai to be given this opportunity to host four (4) games out of 21 games featured in APMG :-

- i. Golf will be played at the Penang Golf Resort in Bertam; and Bukit Jawi Golf Resort in Seberang Perai Selatan.
- ii. Tenpin bowling will be contested at the Megamall Bowling Centre in Perai.
- iii. Hockey will be at the Jalan Betek Hockey Stadium, which is currently being built here in Bukit Mertajam; and the Bertam Sports Complex in Seberang Perai Utara.

- iv. The Weightlifting competition will be conducted at the SP Arena in Seberang Jaya.

We rarely see a multi-sports international sporting competition of this kind is held in our own state. As the President of Seberang Perai Municipal Council (Yang Dipertua of Majlis Perbandaran Seberang Perai), I wish to extend my gratitude to the Penang State Government specifically, Yang Berhormat Puan Chong Eng, Penang State Exco Member For Youth And Sports, Women, Family And Community Development and the organiser of the APMG Penang 2018 Chief Executive Officer, Ms Linda Gay for giving MPSP the opportunity to play an important role in organizing this Games.

We will give our full-hearted co-operation and support to the organisers in ensuring this Games is well organised and successful. Since last month, MPSP has provided spaces for advertising the Games in three bus stops located in Butterworth, Bukit Mertajam and Nibong Tebal.

MPSP has also put up the APMG teaser video for public viewing on our giant screen just outside our headquarters. The screening of the promotional teaser video, which began in February, will continue until the Games in September to enlighten and to provide information to the public about APMG Penang 2018.

MPSP will also assist the organisers in beautifying the public areas leading up to and around the competition venues before and during the Games in September. I sincerely hope Seberang Perai residents, hawkers and restaurant owners will appreciate cleanliness and do not throw rubbish indiscriminately.

Today, we will launch the APMG Penang 2018 registration counter at the MPSP headquarters here. This counter will be handled by personnel from our MPSP Sports Club, known as PESUKA.

I encourage the public in Seberang Perai, including all MPSP staff to use this opportunity to sign up for the Games at the PESUKA registration counter.

Befitting the APMG Penang 2018 tagline “Beyond the Games”, let us not just look at the sports alone during the Games. Everyone connected to the Games should also ensure that we leave a long-lasting impression on our visitors so that they will fall in love with Penang and Seberang Perai and will come back to Penang for vacation.

The whole world will see us in September, so let’s work together to give all the participants and visitors to Penang an experience they will never forget for the rest of their lives.

Thank you.