

Mitec to host eight events

KUALA LUMPUR — Come August, the newly-built Malaysian International Trade and Exhibition Centre (Mitec) will host eight events for the Kuala Lumpur SEA Games.

2017 Kuala Lumpur Secretariat chief operating officer, Shaiful Suhbhan said besides the SEA Games, seven sports would also be contested at the same venue for the Paralympic Asean Games.

The sports to be contested here are artistic gymnastics and gimrama, fencing, table-tennis, volleyball, weightlifting, indoor hockey, muay thai and boxing, while for the Paralympic Games it will be boccia, chess,

goalball, table tennis, powerlifting, sitting volleyball and wheelchair basketball.

“Based on what we have seen, we are happy with the progress of the construction work and are positive everything will be completed by June,” Shaiful told reporters after a visit to the venue yesterday.

He said that pre-test event was expected to be held by mid-year.

“The construction of Mitec is almost completed except for some adjustments to accommodate the sporting events,” he added.

Mitec which is the second largest sporting hub for the event, is the first component of Naza TTDI Sdn Bhd’s RM20 billion KL Metropolis development project.

The exhibition centre, which can accommodate 40,000 visitors at a time, will have a total of 11 exhibition halls and a gross floor area of one million square feet.

The main venue for this year’s SEA Games will be the Kuala Lumpur Sports City in Bukit Jalil, followed by Mitec, Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre (KLCC) and Putrajaya.

The SEA Games will be held from Aug 19 to 31, while the Paralympic Asean Games will take place from Sept 17 to 23.

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