High expectations at Games

Athletes going through systematic training

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We will be unveiling the official mascot, logo, website, theme song, working procedure manual and countdown during the official launch of the Games held simultaneously with the ASEAN University Sports Council meeting on June 10.

Meanwhile, the ministry will be assessing their sports development policy to instil sports culture among the students in the tertiary institutions with a workshop in Malaysia.

"We want our top national athletes to strive for excellence in sports without compromising on attaining their tertiary qualifications," said Khaled.

So far, seven athletes pursuing their tertiary education at public universities have qualified for the upcoming Olympics in Beijing. They are Kosinda Samsu (pole vault), Chew Chee Lan and Elaine Teh (badminton), Cheng Chui San and Wan Mohd Khalimzain Wan Abid Aziz (archery) and Wong Min Yee and Roslisnizar Roslan (diving).

Among other events on the MASM University Games are the two series of MASM Games. The opening leg will commence at Universiti Malaya (May 13-17) followed by the second leg at Uni-
versiti Malaysia Sabah (May 21-27). "As a build up towards the Asean University Games, our athletes will also be given the opportunity to gauge their skills against their counterparts from Thailand and Indonesia," added Khaled.

Universiti Putra Malaysia will be hosting the Malaysia-Thailand Games from July 24 to 27 while the Malaysia-Indonesia Games will be held at Universiti Teknikal Malaysia Melaka between Aug 21 and 24.