

KLTA Tourism Games next month

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KUALA LUMPUR — The annual KLTA Tourism Games hosted by the Kuala Lumpur Tourism Association (KLTA) is set for next month.

The 22nd edition of the goodwill games from Oct 6 to 7 will feature 10 sporting events.

This year's games is being organised

in cooperation with the Universiti Putra Malaysia Sports Centre.

Tourism Malaysia director-general Datuk Seri Mirza Mohammad Taiyab said the games was meant to foster closer relations within the tourism fraternity while promoting Malaysian values.

With sufficient support and participation from the local tourism community, Mirza said the games could be expanded to regional tourism organisations in the future.

"We want the games to keep growing and garner enough attention so we could invite our regional counterparts to participate.

"This could increase the prestige of the games and even draw more people to visit the country," he added.

This year's games will feature futsal, football, table-tennis, carrom, netball, sepak takraw, volleyball, athletics, tug of war and for the first time, golf.

Competition for the newly-introduced

sport will be held at Palm Gardens Golf Club in Putrajaya.

Its organising chairman Henry Goh said golf would give the participating captains of industry the motivation to encourage their employees to join the game.

"Golf is already popular in Malaysia and it seemed a good time to include the sport," he said.

Open to KLTA members and non-members, the event is expected to draw 1,200 participants from 50 organisations.