



22nd SUKMA Games: Penang's Eyes on Gold!

The Sukma Games (Malaysia Games) in Selangor will be held from 15th to 24th August 2026. The host of the 22nd edition of this national multi-sport is Selangor. A total of 37 sports, including Chess will be contested. Dewan Sri Bernam in Sabak Bernam has been chosen as the venue for Chess and the players will compete for the 12 Golds in the Individual and Team events. There's the Standard, Rapid and Blitz in the Individual and Team events for both men and women. E-Sports (Chess) is newly introduced and it will add another 4 Golds to the tally.

Y.A.B. Chief Minister Tuan Chow Kon Yeow attended a grand "Flag Presentation Ceremony" at the luxurious Bertam Resort at Kepala Batas on 1st August. All the officials, sponsors and most importantly, the athletes were invited and the Bertam Resort Grand Ballroom was filled to the brim.

At the end of his speech, the Chief Minister unveiled a most attractive incentive scheme for the "panthers". A Gold medallist will receive RM4K each (if Penang's total tally is under 40 Golds); 6K per Gold (for a total tally of 40-49 Golds), RM8K per Gold (for a total tally of 50-59 Golds) and RM10K (for a total tally over 60 Golds).



Earlier, MSNPP Director, Mr. Harry Chai was in his element and gave a stirring speech to motivate the athletes to have their "Eyes on Gold". Penang's target is 60 Golds. Penang has registered for all the 37 events at the games with a contingent of 886 athletes and officials. Penang's Chef de Mission is YB Joseph Ng Soon Seng. Connie Tan Hooi Peng is the Chef de Mission for the Para Games. PCA

President Madam See Swee Sie is one of the Deputy Chef de Missions. Chong Kean Foong, Keok Kai En & Ooi Gim Ewe were present to lend their support for the Penang Contingent.

The Penang Chess team manager is Looi Xin Hao. Our coaches are IM Wong Yinn Long and Keok Kai En. The Men's team captain is Loo Pin Xie. Other members in the team are IM Poh Yu Tian, Ong El Win, Lim Feng Wei, Ian Yong Je Pin, Ng Shu Heng, Lai Hong Jun and Lim Wei Yang. The Women's team captain is Nurul Akma Quzaina binti Khair. Others in the team are Agnes Chong Kai Ni, Abby Tan Li Shuen, Ain Insyirah binti Rosli, Ashwiniy a/p Kumaran, Goh Cai Xuan, Goh Goh Xin Ying and Kuan Rhe Anne. They are highly capable of achieving the desired target set by MSNPP as they have trained with full commitment and dedication. A target of 60 Golds or more is certainly within reach for the Penang contingent. Good luck and "Eyes on Gold!"



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