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## TORCH RUN

# Friendship between two nations runs on strongly

**THE** Kuala Lumpur Sea Games Torch Run, which finished at Ajinomoto (M) Berhad (AMB) yesterday, highlighted the positive diplomatic relations between Malaysia and Japan which began 60 years ago.

AMB, the platinum sponsor of the KL Sea Games (KL2017), believes its participation is meaningful to both countries, especially with Merdeka Day fast approaching.

"The flame (torch) is a tradition in all sporting competitions. It is a symbol of the solidarity shown by all the participating countries," said AMB chairman General Tan Sri Mohamed Hashim Mohd Ali.

"The KL2017 torch has been all across Malaysia and this has never happened before in the Sea and Asean Para Games. The last time Malaysia hosted the games was in 2001 and after 16 years we are hosting it again.

"It is nostalgic for me. AMB and Ajinomoto Japan will continue to support sports.

"I urge Malaysian athletes to do the nation proud at the games. We are always proud of you and will continue to

support you."

Over 350 people took part in the run yesterday which saw AMB managing director Naoko Yamamoto receiving the torch before passing it on to Hashim.

**Sukhairi Thani**

