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## RP to send 386-man delegation to SEA Games

**A** strong 386-man delegation, with 251 athletes, will represent the Philippines to the 25th Southeast Asian Games in Laos next month.

The figure represents the official list approved by the Philippine Olympic Committee (POC) and submitted to the Southeast Asian Games Federation Council (SEAGFC) headed by Laos, the host country.

Medal rich events athletics, swimming, taekwondo and billiards got the bulk of the RP contingent which is aiming to surpass the 42 golds, 91 silvers and 96 bronzes the 620 Filipino athletes bagged during the 2007 edition of the biennial meet held in Thailand.

Led by Olympians Maristella Torres and Henry Dagmil, the Filipino tracksters comprised the most number of entries with 20, followed by swimming and taekwondo with 16 each.

Bemedalled swimmer Miguel Molina, the Best Male Athlete of the last SEA Games, banners the RP tankers' campaign, while two-time Olympians Marie Antoinette Rivero and Tshomlee Go lead the way for the Filipino jins.

The legendary Efren `Bata' Reyes is in the forefront of the billiards team, which also boasts of former world champion Alex Pagulayan, one time world no. 1 Francisco `Django' Bustamante and reigning women's world 10-ball champion Rubilen Amit.

"We're very confident that these well-selected and highly-qualified athletes will do us proud once competitions in the Laos SEA Games begin," said POC president Jose `Peping' Cojuangco.

Others with a big delegation of athletes include sepak takraw (14), cycling (13), water polo (13), petanque (11), shooting (11), wrestling (11), judo (11) and boxing (10) which is led by 3rd Asian Indoor Games gold medal winner Annie Albania.

The rest of the Philippine contingent includes archery (9), muay (9), wushu (9) karate (8), tennis (8), weightlifting (8), beach volleyball (8), table tennis (7), pencak silat (7), golf (7), badminton (5) and diving (5).

In addition, a 125-person support team and 10 officials make up the RP squad to the Dec. 9-18 meet Laos is hosting for the first time ever.

## 3rd Asian Indoor Games RP Boxing Winners



**THE medal-winning Philippine women's boxing team in the 3rd Asian Indoor Games in Hanoi is introduced to sports fans during a halftime tribute given by officials of the Amateur Boxing Association of the Philippines and the Philippine Basketball Association at the Araneta Coliseum. (from Left to Right) Ed Picson, Patrick Gregorio (ABAP Secretary-General), Glicerio "Boy" Catolico (Womens Boxing Team National Coaches), Josie Gabuco (Bronze Medalist 46kg), Anne "Box" Albania (Gold 51kg), Sonny Barrios (PBA Commissioner), SPO2 Mitchell Martinez (Silver 60kg), Roel Velasco (Womens Boxing Team National Coaches) and Ricky Vargas (Amateur Boxing Association of the Philippines ABAP President)**