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**INCLUSION** in the Road to Gold (RTG) programme is not a concern for the Malaysian Hockey Confederation (MHC).

MHC president Datuk Seri Subahan Kamal said it is nearly impossible for the national team to win gold at the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics, even if they qualify.

"To be honest, I think this is not our call. We think it is the minister's call and we perfectly understand whatever decision is made," said Subahan in Bangsar yesterday after signing a five-year, RM25 million memoran-

dum of agreement with Tenaga Nasional Berhad.

He noted that the RTG programme focuses on securing Malaysia's first Olympic gold medal.

"I am very practical and realistic. We're not pushing to be in the RTG programme because there are more important sports that need support," said Subahan.

Youth and Sports Minister Dr Taufiq Johari said an RTG meeting on May 19 will determine if additional sports are included in the programme.



MHC president Datuk Seri Subahan Kamal (left) with TNB CEO Datuk Ir. Ts. Shamsul Ahmad after signing an MOU at Leo Moggie Convention Centre, Bangsar yesterday. NSTP PIC BY HAIDATUL ELYANI HERMAN

Subahan also said the MHC deserved its recent Dynamic Sports Association Award at the SAM-100PLUS 2025 ceremony.

"I have been the president for 11 years and we should have received the award a long time ago," said Subahan.

"There are 200 countries playing hockey and we are ranked 14th in the world".

"We have qualified for the World Cup for the fourth consecutive time (from 2014 to 2026). We also won the Asia Cup bronze in India last year." **Aftar Singh**