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160 TAKING PART IN PM CUP GO-KART ENDURANCE RUN

LANGKAWI, Aug 20 (Bernama) -- About 160 local and foreign go-karters have confirmed participation in the Prime Minister's Cup Go-Kart Endurance Run at the Morac International Kart circuit on Aug 30 here.

The race, under the patronage of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, is part of celebrations marking the country's 40th year of independence.

Mofaz Group president Haji Mohamad Fauzy Abdul Hamid said today three professional teams from Singapore, two from Thailand and one each from Holland, Britain and Japan will take part alongside three Malaysian teams.

About 40 newly-acquired Italian-made pro-karts, mounted with high performance twin-engines, costing altogether RM400,000, will be provided for the race.

Mohamad Fauzy said the race is a non-stop four-hour run over a 240km circuit and each karter in a four-member team will drive up to 40 minutes.

The champion team will receive the challenge trophy and RM40,000, runner-up RM30,000, third place RM20,000 and fourth place RM10,000.

The challenge trophy, he said, was donated by CRG Italy, the world's top go-kart maker.

The RM15-million computer-controlled Morac go-kart circuit is rated as one of world's top circuits by European standard.

It was opened early this year, shortly before the June Asean II Kart Prix, which brought karters from Singapore, France, Britain, Australia and Hong Kong.-- BERNAMA

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