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Dr M tests world's first electric go-kart

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad trying out a pollution-free world's first electric go-kart at an indoor track in Penang yesterday.

Dr Mahathir, who completed two laps of the circuit built over about 2,000 square metres of floor space, said he hoped the recreational centre would provide good and healthy entertainment for youths.

Gamaria Sdn Bhd, a subsidiary of Penang-based RGB Sdn Bhd, have invested a total of RM4 million in the track - the first such track in the country - at the Great World Park on the third floor of the Island Plaza shopping complex.

The electric go-kart, built through a joint-venture between Perusahaan Otomobil Elektrik Malaysia Berhad (POEM) and British firm Fraser-Nash Pte Ltd, can accelerate from zero to 80 kph in 2.3 seconds and achieve a top speed of about 150kph.

Reminiscing about his younger days, Dr Mahathir said he used to visit the Great World Park for some entertainment in the form of movies, Bangsawan Malay theatre and Boria performances.

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