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Mahathir boost for MAB

THE Marlboro Malaysian Grand Prix at the Shah Alam Circuit on April 13 received a major boost when Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad agreed to become their patron.

Dr Mahathir's decision will play a crucial part in contributing to the overall success of the fast growing sport.

For Malaysia Airports Berhad (MAB), who will be involved in the Malaysian GP for the first time this year, the Prime Minister's consent will spur the company to give their best to ensure all is well.

"We are grateful to the Prime Minister for his support. I'm certain that this will be an inspiration to all our staff and personnel to work harder," said MAB managing director Datuk Khairuddin Ibrahim.

The support of the Prime Minister in motorcycling is an extension of his involvement in motorsports for Dr Mahathir is responsible for bringing the 1999 World Formula One Championship to our doorsteps.

Malaysia are the second Asian nation, after Japan, to host the Formula One event.

Malaysia will stage one round of the 1999 F-1 Championship at the state-of-the-art Sepang Circuit which is scheduled for completion by the third quarter of 1998.

The circuit will be built by MAB near the new Kuala Lumpur International Airport.

Meanwhile, preparation for the 1997 Malboro Malaysian GP are well underway: "We have just over month remaining and are confident all will go well."

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