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Satria GTi for Proton International winner

TAKE the PROTON's ultimate track racing challenge of the year and drive home a Satria GTi. That's what awaits the overall champion of the Proton International 300km Merdeka race at the Sepang Circuit on Dec 11-13.

So if you are game to test your driving and strategic skills, have a passion for speed and eager to gauge your fitness - a distance of 300km - you could win a four-wheel beauty, worth around RM66,000.

Of course there are other attractive cash prizes for the top three finishers in the various categories.

If you do not own a Proton, your dream of laying hands on the Satria GTi won't be completely dashed as the promoters are selling or renting a limited number of ex-factory Proton Putra and Satria cars to local or foreign enthusiasts.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will donate a glittering Prime Minister Challenge Trophy to the winning team.

To promote fairness, Proton have insisted on Production Cars specifications. However, for safety reasons, Proton permit limited modifications to the exhausts from the manifold downwards, suspension and brake system.

As Proton's corporate communications spokesman Maruan Mohamed said: "These modifications are non-technical. So the cost won't be exorbitant."

To prevent established racing drivers from running away with the Satria GTi, Proton have made it mandatory that all entries must be two-driver teams, one of whom must be a Malaysian novice competition licence holder who has not won a podium finish in either a class or overall category from Jan 1 1997.

Entries are classified into three classes: Group A 1.8 litres (not exceeding 1040kg) Group B 1.5 to 1.6 litres (950 for Wira and 1000kg for Satria) and Group C 1.1 to 1.3 litre (850kg for Wira, Satria and Iswara).

Entries close on Nov 30 1998 with Persatuan Kart Motosikal Kedah.

Call PKMK at tel: 03-22367654 for more details..

The entry fees are RM 2,500 for sponsored teams and RM1,500 for individuals. Late entries from Dec 1-5 will be accepted with the late entry fee of RM3,500 for sponsored teams and RM2,000 for individuals.

All accepted entries are entitled to four pieces of Sime Tyres for qualifying plus another four after qualifying together with one set of Proton Excedy OE clutch assembly, one Atlas Copco Power Tools, while Petronas provide free fuel and lubricants during race days.

To help novices understand the event better, Proton will organise a basic preparation seminar (free of charge) for participants at their Auditorium at 3.0 on Saturday.

For more details, direct enquiries to Oh Kah Beng and Ali Abdullah at 5111055 ext 2283 and 2105 or write to: The Promoter, Proton International 300KM Merdeka Race, c/o PR Department, Perusahaan Otomobil Nasional, Hicom Industrial Estate, Batu 3, 40918 Shah Alam.

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