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World Cup to help promote Malaysia

THE World Cup golf, one of the oldest and most prestigious international team events, will tee off at the Mines Resort City in November next year.

The tournament, with Go For The Green Malaysia '99 theme, will be used to sell Malaysia as a golfing destination. "It will be a fitting finale to the 20th century and will be used to promote Malaysia to the rest of the world," said organising committee chairman Tan Sri Datuk Abdul Aziz Ismail.

"The organising committee will be mobilised early to make sure that the country gets maximum publicity."

Recent World Cups have seen the United States team of Fred Couples and David Loves III win an unprecedented four times in a row from 1992-95. Ernie Els and Wayne Westner won at home for South Africa in 1996 while Padraig Harrington and Paul McGinley for Ireland in 1997.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is the patron while the advisors are Tourism Malaysia Minister Datuk Seri Sabbaruddin Chik and Mines Resort City's Tan Sri Lee Kim Yew.

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