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DR MAHATHIR TO OPEN SEPANG F1 CIRCUIT NEXT MONTH

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 23 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will open the 5.6km Sepang Formula 1 (F1) circuit in a spectacular ceremony on March 9.

Chairman of the organising committee for the opening ceremony and managing director of Malaysia Airports Berhad Datuk Khairuddin Ibrahim said today several prominent F1 drivers had agreed to grace the historic event.

"It will be a spectacular opening. There will be a parade as well as fireworks display and various forms of entertainment," he said in a statement, here.

Khairuddin said that besides entertainment from top local performers like KRU, Sheila Majid and Zainal Abidin, the event would also feature a parade of marching bands, vintage and racing cars, superbikes and stunt drivers.

He said a special 12-seater F1 simulator would be one of the highlights of the event as this would be the first time Malaysians would have a chance to get the feel of being in a F1 car.

Built on 260 hectares of former plantation land, the Sepang circuit is the first ever F1 circuit in Southeast Asia.

The pre-opening ceremony will begin at 5.45pm while the launch will start at 7.45pm.

Admission for the public is RM5 per entry. Tickets are available at all Muscic Valley outlets in the Klang Valley, Negeri Sembilan and Melaka or call hotline at 03-7746300.

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