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JORDAN: LET'S HONOUR MALAYSIA FOR HER COMMITMENT TO F1 RACING

SEPANG, Oct 15 (Bernama) -- Jordan's Benson & Hedges chief executive Eddie Jordan today called on all the teams participating in the inaugural Petronas Malaysian Formula One Grand Prix here to put up a sensational race this weekend.

"Let's put up a sensational race to repay Malaysia for her commitment to motor racing," he told reporters after the practice round here today.

He paid tribute to Malaysia for her huge investments to build the Sepang F1 circuit, which he described as "the circuit for the new millennium."

The 5.542km circuit costing RM286 million is a new home in the F1 season, attracting keen attention from teams and drivers.

The Malaysian Grand Prix is the second last leg of the 16-race championship. The final race will be held in Suzuka, Japan on Oct 31.

Jordan said Malaysia should be proud for hosting this prestigious event.

"I'm overawed by everything, from the airport to the hotels and last night's grand gala dinner attended by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad," he said.

Jordan's drivers Damon Hill and Heinz-Harald Frentzen finished in 12th and 14th placings, respectively, after the unofficial practice session.

The official practice begins tomorrow to decide the grid positions before the race proper on Sunday.

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