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Langkawi go-kart back again

THE ball has started rolling for the second edition of the Indy 40 Enduro Langkawi, which will see 160 international and local drivers compete in the go-kart on the island of Langkawi on Aug 14-15.

The championship trophy, the Prime Minister's Cup, was yesterday returned to Malaysian soil after sitting for the last two years in Thailand, following the victory of their Kawasaki Team in 1997.

Sports Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin received it on behalf of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, marking the start of the campaign to publicised the event which was one of the Prime Minister's pet projects.

The Indy 40 was introduced in 1997 to commemorate the country's 40th Merdeka celebration but the annual championship was not held last year as Malaysia were hosting the Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur.

The RM1 million event, which is part of Langkawi's tourism calendar, will return with full fanfare and a total of RM100,000 in prize money.

Among the countries expected to take part are Holland, Italy, Germany, France, England, Thailand and Malaysia.

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