

07/03/1999

Walk among champs

Yamin A. Vong

CATCH a glimpse of several of the world's best Formula One drivers at the Sepang Formula One Circuit on March 9. The RM280 million circuit will be officially opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at 5.30pm.

Among the drivers who are expected to be in town and visiting the track for the first time are last year's World Formula One champion Mika Hakkinen of McLaren, Red Bull Sauber Petronas' Jean Alesi and Pedro Diniz and Scuderia Ferrari's Eddie Irvine.

Former two-time world champion Michael Schumacher is also rumoured to be coming. World Motorcycle champion Michael Doohan may also be attending the opening.

Spectators will also be treated to a parade and fireworks display and can try their hands at Formula One simulators. SIC will stage the World Motorcycle Championship on April 16, and the penultimate round of this year's World Formula One Championship on October 17.

Tickets for the opening are priced at RM5 and are available at all Music Valley record stores, or by calling Allied Ticketing System at 03-774 6300. Tickets will also be sold at the circuit entrance.

(END)