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#### Eco-Challenge teams get Jalur Gemilang

KOTA KINABALU, Thurs. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today presented the Jalur Gemilang to two teams representing the country in the forthcoming Sabah Eco-Challenge 2000.

Team Sabah 2000 and Team Toyota 2000 will be among 77 worldwide competing for the "World Champion" title in Semporna on Aug 20.

Team Sabah 2000 captain Cowboy Miala received the flag from Dr Mahathir while Yuen-Li Chan received the other flag on behalf of Team Toyota 2000.

The Prime Minister also presented souvenirs to the sponsors of the Eco-Challenge 2000, dubbed the world premier expedition race.

The 500km race will take participants across the State's varied terrain.

In his address, the Prime Minister said the race would put Malaysia, in particular Sabah, on the world map of tourist attractions.

Sabah will be the focus in the event which will be broadcast to an estimated 144 million homes in 145 countries in five continents.

The Prime Minister acknowledged the sponsors' contribution to the success of the event and hoped others would come forward for future events.

Sistem Television Malaysia Berhad or TV3 donated RM200,000 in kind to the event.

The biggest sponsor is Yayasan Sabah which gave RM2.6 million in kind.

Telekom Berhad provided communication facilities to the tune of RM1.2 million, Sabah Air RM1.2 million in fares and Sutera Harbour Resort RM600,000 in kind.

UMW Toyota Motor Sdn Bhd is the only sponsor which donated cash - RM250,000.

The other sponsors are Semporna Ocean Tourism Centre, Zuma Engineering, Petronas, Sabah Electricity Sdn Bhd, Esso Borneo Berhad, Kota Kinabalu City Hall, Sabah's Out Bound School, Malaysia Airlines and Spritzer.

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