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Sultan opens four-day National Horse Show

IPOH, Fri. - The Sultan of Perak Sultan Azlan Shah today opened the four-day National Horse Show at the Perak Turf Club Equestrian Training Centre here.

He released bunches of colourful ballons in the air, symbolically declaring the event open.

There were also horse jumping performances and horse riding by the disabled.

Later Sultan Azlan Shah received a horse for riding by the disabled on their behalf from organising committee chairman Datuk Seri Dr M. Mahadevan.

The event, the seventh in the series, is held for the first time here in conjunction with Visit Perak Year.

It features educational exhibitions on the equine industry, a carnival featuring clowns, mascots, face-painting, horse and carriage rides, drawing competitions and treasure hunts.

The event which began yesterday will end on Sunday.

Earlier Perak Turf Club chairman Tan Sri V. Jeyaratnam said the show was mooted by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in 1994 and had been held at the Selangor Turf Club.

He said the show was aimed at, among others, creating a higher level of recognition for horse riding as a healthy leisure activity and promoting equestrian sports.

"This meeting is unique as it is the largest equine show in the country."

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