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ALEX-POWERED CREST JASERI OUT TO WIN MME

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 21 (Bernama) -- Crest Jaseri Racing team, who include former F1 driver Alex Yoong, are determined to win the Merdeka Millennium Endurance (MME) Race 2003, which will be held on Aug 30.

The team of Alex, Datuk Mokhzani Mahathir and Faizal Hakimi Jaafar will be driving a Porsche 911 GT3 in the race to be held at the Sepang International Circuit (SIC) near here.

The team have been training together for the past few months in a bid to stamp their mark.

Looking forward to the excitement and thrills of the race, Mokhzani said: "I am glad to have Alex and Hakimi in the team and their experiences would be a boost for the team to excel."

"I am more confident this year, especially with the inclusion of experienced drivers in Alex and Hakimi," Mokhzani said at the launch of the team here today.

"As you all know, Alex is Malaysia's first F1 driver while Hakimi is a regular figure in the Asian Formula 2000 race," he said.

Mokhzani himself is also a regular of the MME and has a good track record.

In 2001, he finished fourth in the race with team MMER and last year he won it with the same team, though a different set of drivers.

Apart from chasing honours, Crest Jaseri are also racing for charity.

"Our participation is to raise fund for charity, and we call upon the public to donate RM1 for each lap of the 260-lap race. Proceeds will be donated equally to three charity bodies -- The Malaysian Liver Foundation, Thalassaemia Association of Malaysia and Rumah Anak Yatim Bangi," said Mokhzani.

According to him, his team had raised over RM430,000 in the past three years and were targeting to raise between RM260,000 and RM270,000 this year.

The MME, an annual event in the SIC calendar, is organised in conjunction with the National Day. The 12-hour race covering an estimated 1,500km will begin at 10am.

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