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SPORTS: KAHLED AL EID CHAMPION SHOWJUMPER IN KL GRAND PRIX

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 5 (Bernama) -- Saudi Arabian showjumper Kahled Al Eid defeated eight other challengers with a perfect tally and the fastest time to lift the Kuala Lumpur Grand Prix title at the International Horse Show here.

Kahled, who last won the bronze medal in the equestrian games at the 2000 Sydney Olympics, performed a faultless circuit on his horse Al Riyadh in a time of 35.67 seconds to beat the eight other finalists.

The KL Grand Prix is the main competition in the four-day International Horse Show, held in Kuala Lumpur for the first time.

Show patron Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who was present to witness the event, presented Kahled with a trophy and RM350,000 cash.

Seasoned British showjumper John Whitaker, who rode Lord Z, emerged runner-up with a time of 35.82 seconds, also without penalties, to receive a prize of RM220,000.

Malaysian riders were less fortunate as both Qabil Ambak Mahamad Fathil and Syed Omar Almohdzar were eliminated in the first round.

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