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Dr M to turn chauffeur for a good cause

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KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. - Ever wanted to be chauffeured by former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad?

Nine Malaysians will get their chance on Sunday when Dr Mahathir turns driver for the day to raise funds for victims of the tsunami disaster.

He will be behind the wheel of a Porsche Cayenne and will drive three laps of the Sepang International Circuit (SIC), carrying three passengers at a time.

The "taxi ride" around the track, scheduled for 4pm, is one of several activities planned for SIC's Racer's United in Aid of Tsunami Victims Fund event.

SIC general manager Ahmad Mustafa said the organisers were expecting a range of sports cars to participate in the event, giving the public an opportunity to ride in some of the world's fastest cars.

Members of the public will be charged a minimum of RM50 to ride in any of the cars but only the nine highest bidders will be chauffeured by Dr Mahathir.

"We would like to thank Tun Dr Mahathir for supporting this event whose proceeds will be channelled to the Asian Tsunami Disaster Fund," he said.

During the extended Sunday Track Day programme, bikers will get to use the track from 9am, while the drivers take their turns from 2pm.

In between these events, there will be special activities including the taxi rides, guided tours around the track and lucky draws for the participants.

"We have invited Malaysia's top racers like Karamjit Singh, Alex Yoong, Shahrol Yuzy and all of our Merdeka Millennium Endurance race and the Malaysian Super Series competitors," Ahmad said.

"The event is open to all racing fans as well and the more we get for the fund, the better it will be."

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