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#### KL Grand Prix attracts top jumpers

SOME of the world's best showjumpers are expected to compete in the inaugural Kuala Lumpur Grand Prix, at the Putra Stadium in Bukit Jalil on Oct 2-5.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is the patron of the event while Chairman of the organising committee is Datuk Dr Jamaludin Jarjis, who is also president of the Equestrian Association of Malaysia (EAM).

"Having such an important event here will undoubtedly help bring this sport to the larger public, promote equestrian tourism in Malaysia and accord greater recognition to the country," said Sports Minister Datuk Hishammuddin Hussein in a statement.

"Indeed this world class event, with the best riders and horses from around the globe will put Malaysia on the equestrian map and reinforce Malaysia's reputation as a host of international sporting events."

Bringing top league showjumping to Asia has been one of the aims of the International Equestrian Federation (FEI), and organising the five star tournament is a step towards that direction.

Asiapromote Ventures managing director Wan Zaleha Radzi said the staging of the KL Grand Prix is certainly a significant achievement for Malaysia as we are now on the international showjumping circuit.