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World's top 30 riders for KL extravanza

FOR the first time in Asian history, the world will witness top riders and their horses from the international circuit competing in Kuala Lumpur. This is indeed exciting as Malaysia is now on the international circuit for equestrian sports, joining the ranks of Formula 1 Racing here in Kuala Lumpur, another major milestone for Malaysia.

Under the patronage of Prime Minister Dato Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, the KL Grand Prix - International Showjumping is perhaps the most prestigious equestrian event to be held in Malaysia.

The KL Grand Prix has attracted 30 of the world's top riders, including the current world number 1, Marcus Fuchs, the 2003, 2002 and 2001 World Cup Champions and Jeroen Dubbeldam, the Sydney Olympics gold medallist.

The KL Grand Prix is very important for Malaysia, as this is a significant achievement for the country as no other country in Asia has yet been able to hold an equestrian event of this magnitude.

A total of 20 countries are participating including South East Asian countries like Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand and the Philippines.

The KL Grand Prix will provide our own Malaysian riding stars the wonderful opportunity to compete against the world's top riders and horses on an international platform.

Besides the exposure, our riders will be able to judge their own level of competency, and it will encourage them to work harder to improve their riding skills and be more competitive.