

Motorsport : SIC Go-Kart Track To Become Hub For Motorsport Activities
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SEPANG, June 23 (Bernama) -- The newly refurbished go-kart track at Sepang International Circuit (SIC) is expected to become a hub for motorsport activities, not only for the sports enthusiasts but also for families.

SIC Chairman Datuk Mokhzani Mahathir said the Sepang International Go-Kart Circuit offers affordable rates and safe avenue for beginners and youngsters in go-karting.

"The track underwent refurbishment recently, including setting up a new tyre barrier, relaying of track surface and the installation of a better drainage system.

"The karts brought in by City Karting Events Sdn Bdn (CKE) are also brand new and includes two-seater karts for parents to take their young kids," he said at the opening of the refurbished Sepang International Kart Circuit by Youth and Sports Minister Datuk Seri Ahmad Shabery Cheek.

Later, Ahmad Shabery, Mokhzani and guests including members of the media, were given a chance to try go-karting on the newly refurbished track.

Meanwhile, Ahmad Shabery in his opening speech said the ministry fully supported SIC's efforts in promoting go-kart as a way to introduce motorsports to the grassroots.

He said go-karting was a stepping stone to developing race car drivers such as F1 champions Fernando Alonso, Lewis Hamilton and Sebastian Vettel who all began their careers by go-karting.

"That is what the ministry hopes to emulate in Malaysia and we hope to see more race car drivers emerging from the go-kart scene," he said.

The 1.247 kilometres long and 10 metres wide Sepang International Kart Circuit was designed by the renowned F1 track designer Hermann Tilke and built in 1999.

For more information on packages and rates offered by the circuit, public can call 03-55121469 or 012-7108027 or check out its website at www.sepangcircuit.com.

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