

Malaysia Bid Farewell To F1 Grand Prix After 19 Years As Host

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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 3 (Bernama) -- The most prestigious and glamorous motosport, the Formula One (F1) Grand Prix held at the iconic Sepang International Circuit (SIC) last weekend will remain a distant memory for the future generation and motosport enthusiasts in the country after the government decided part ways after playing host for 19 glorious years.

The 'Malaysian F1 finale' which ended on Oct 1, was witnessed by 110,604 fans over the three days and exceeded the expected target of 102,000 fans and from the total, 56,015 had attended on race day.

Suffice to say that the 19th edition of the most prestigious event in the world motor sport calendar had received encouraging response, especially from international audience compared with local motor sport enthusiasts.

"The SIC team received very positive feedback from international agencies regarding ticket packages. However for the local market, it was quite discouraging and as usual, they waited until the last minute," Sepang International Circuit Sdn Bhd (SIC) chief executive officer Datuk Razlan Razali told Bernama.

The staging of F1 races in Sepang which saw a great and exciting motor sport event since 1999, ended in a very sentimental manner, albeit having created a great deal of history in the challenging racing circuit, not only in terms of its racing track design but uncertain weather and winners, thus establishing Malaysia on the world map in the history of F1.....

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