

M'sian racers win big

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MALAYSIAN racing outfit, Crest-Jaseri Racing Team, celebrated its first place finish in Round One of the Porsche Infineon Carrera Cup Asia Racing Series 2004 at the Porsche Centre Glenmarie in Shah Alam recently.

Guest-of-honour was former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamed. He was accompanied by team principal Datuk Mokhzani Mahathir, Crest-Jaseri's winning driver Rizal Ashram Ramli, racing enthusiasts and fans.

Organised by Crest-Jaseri, the motor racing division of Jaseri Group of Companies, the event was held after Rizal clocked the team's first ever win in an FIA-sanctioned international racing series. (FIA is the acronym for the International Federation for Automobiles)

Rizal, a former British F3 driver, brought the team's Porsche GT3 to victory, making Crest-Jaseri one of the favourites to win the overall championship title for the 2004 season.

"Every win is special," said Mokhzani, who is an accomplished racer.

"But, if we win consistently throughout this season, it will make for a more incredible celebration," he said.

Mokhzani also acknowledged Dr



Mokhzani (left) and Rizal look on as Dr Mahathir (foreground) autographs the car.

Mahathir's vision of bringing Formula One to Malaysia along with the building of the Sepang F1 circuit.

"Besides putting Malaysia on the world motorsports map, the circuit has created a renewal of public interest in motorsports and a wealth of opportunities for those keen on participating in

various sectors of the industry," he said.

Later, Dr Mahathir toured the Porsche Centre with representatives from Auto Eurokars Sdn Bhd, the official retailer of the Porsche marque in Malaysia. He also autographed the Crest-Jaseri's Porsche 911 GT3 Cup racing car to mark his visit.