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F1 IN SCHOOLS REVS UP FOR 2008 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN MALAYSIA

F1 in Schools is delighted to announce that Malaysia has won the race for the right to host the 2008 F1 in Schools World Championships following the nation's unprecedented success in the last three events. The Ministry of Education, Malaysia, made a comprehensive case to hold the Championships during the week leading up to the Formula One Grand Prix at the Sepang International Circuit in March 2008 and F1 in Schools was impressed with the country's commitment to the programme.

The aim of F1 in Schools is to encourage students to consider engineering as a career, highlighting the positive nature of all that embraces engineering in a fun and positive way. The challenge is for school children aged 11 to 18 to use CAD/CAM software to design, analyse, manufacture, test and race a 20th scale model F1 car made from balsa wood and powered by CO₂ cylinders.

F1 in Schools Ltd has announced that the 2008 World Championships will take place in the 5* Sunway Lagoon Resort Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 18th to 20th of March 2008. There are presently a total of 25 teams representing their countries due to attend the fourth year of this International event as they compete to win the Bernie Ecclestone World Championship Trophy and an Automotive Engineering scholarship at The City University, London.

In 2007 the World Championships were held in Melbourne, Australia and the victors were Team Fuga, from Northern Ireland. They set a new world speed record of 1.020 seconds down the 20-metre race track, at a scale speed of over 220 mph per hour and have confirmed they will return next year to defend their title. The runners-up were the all-girl trio from Scotland, Team Lightning, followed by another all-girl team in third place, Mercurial Ace from Malaysia. The world record set in 2006 by Malaysia was broken no less than nine times over the four days!

Following formal discussions and an exchange of documents between the Minister of Education, Dato Sri Hishammuddin Hussein and F1 in Schools Ltd, Founder and Chairman, Andrew Denford, commented on his delight that they would be heading to Malaysia for the World Finals; "The F1 in Schools World Championship was an amazing success last year in Australia, and has since spread globally to over 26 countries. Malaysia is the first country to adopt F1 in Schools into the national curriculum and new initiatives in teaching and learning. Next year at our annual event in Malaysia we hope for an even greater level of competition between the teams. F1 in Schools continues to be a great way of encouraging young people to enjoy engineering and design."

The Minister commented: "We are honoured that F1 in Schools has chosen Malaysia as the host of the world finals. Malaysia is a growing motorsport nation, and we hope that having such a high profile, youth orientated, motorsport event in Malaysia, alongside our Grand Prix weekend will generate widespread interest both locally and in other Asian countries and showcase the educational and ICT initiatives we are developing within our country."

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F1 in Schools operates in 26 countries across the globe, with over 7 million school children participating in the competition. The 2008 World Championship will have the support of a host of companies, together with recognition from all the Formula One teams and its Patrons.

Following on from the event all participants will have the chance to enjoy three days of fun at the Formula One Grand Prix, brushing shoulders with drivers, senior engineers and VIP guests along with a packed itinerary of fun activities at the hotel water park.

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