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# Revving up Putrajaya

Roads in the administrative capital will be transformed into a street-racing circuit this weekend as 10 teams battle it out in the second round of the FIA Formula E Championship. >2&3



Zooming through: The 2015 Putrajaya ePrix will see 10 teams racing with single-seater, open-wheel electric cars on a 2.56km street circuit along Persiaran Perdana.

## More than just a need for speed

Race also to educate public about green technology

ONCE again, Putrajaya will be turned into a street racing circuit as the FIA Formula E Championship returns to Malaysia with the 2015 Putrajaya ePrix this Saturday.

The one-day event in Precinct 2 will take place on a 2.56km street circuit along Persiaran Perdana, taking advantage of the city's iconic landmarks including the Perdana Putra and Masjid Putra.

Held for the second time this year, 10 teams will compete in the championship in a single-seater, open-wheel electric cars.

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Formula E Malaysia chairman Datuk Seri Johann Young said this year's race would be an interesting one.

"This year's race is all about innovation. If last year, the drivers had to drive a car with the same electric engine, this year, the teams have to come up with their own to win the race," he said.

He noted that it would provide an opportunity for the teams to make their cars go faster.

"The winning team will then have to share their innovation with other teams next year," he said.

Putrajaya is the second stop after Beijing, and the race will conclude in London next year.

The event was not only about racing, as Young said that it was more about educating the public about green technology.

"The event is for the future generation, so we hope many students will come and learn about electric and solar-powered vehicles," he added.

Admission to the event is free, so it will certainly help to encourage the students to attend.

Safety barriers and the circuit has been set up along Persiaran Perdana about a month ago and will take shorter time to dismantle compared to last year.

"We took about five months to construct and de-construct them last year. But we have learned from experience, and the whole process will take six weeks this time," he said.

As for traffic management, Young assured visitors that there would be plenty of parking space and advised the public to follow the signboards.

The organisers are expecting more than 100,000 spectators on race day, a figure which was achieved last year.

There will be educational booths for children and students where they could learn how to create energy and simulators to drive electric cars.

In addition to the fan-activities and entertainment eVillage hub, Formula E Malaysia has this year included a Kids Fun Zone, Food Zone featuring the country's top food

trucks and an Extreme Sports Fun Zone.

The event is supported by Tenaga Nasional Bhd, Tourism Malaysia and the Energy, Green Technology and Water Ministry.

General admission to the Putrajaya ePrix this year will be free to the public while grandstand tickets are priced from RM160 to RM750.

Paddock Executive Suites are also available for a more luxurious experience with strategic views of the race.

Those working in the government offices along Persiaran Perdana should take note of the road closure from tomorrow at 11pm to Saturday 8pm.

Doors will open at 7am and race starts at 2pm.

For ticketing and other details, visit [www.formulae.com.my](http://www.formulae.com.my)



The race will see electric cars zooming on the street circuit along Persiaran Perdana.

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Visitors will have the chance to try out electric cars simulators at the event.



Young is adamant to have the 2015 Putrajaya ePrix as an educational tool for the future generation. (Right) Construction to put up the safety barriers is still going on for the race.

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Seats have been set up in the grandstand area for the event this weekend.



### Putrajaya ePrix Championship circuit

