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*Johor prince, Tunku Panglima Tunku Abdul Rahman Sultan Ibrahim (third from right) holds the mock cheque with RITZ Corporation Holding Berhad director of operations Datuk Ibrahim Yahya. Looking on (from left) are MJB Mayor Amran Abdul Rahman, Johor Youth, Sports, Heritage and Culture exco member Mohd Khuzzan Abu Bakar, Johor State financial officer Datuk A. Rahim Nin, and Johor Hockey Association deputy president Datuk Manjit Majid Abdullah. PIC BY HAIRUL ANUAR RAHIM*

## HOCKEY

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**MALAYSIA** will be without six players for the Sultan of Johor Cup at the Taman Daya Hockey Stadium in Johor Baru on Oct 6-18.

The six are unavailable as they will be representing the country at the Youth Olympics in Buenos Aires.

Defending champions Britain, Australia, India, New Zealand and Japan make up the teams in the Under-21 invitational tournament.

Malaysia target to finish fourth.

Coached by former Olympian Nor Saiful Zaini, the team will start their final phase of training on Sept 25 before moving their base to Johor Baru on Oct 1.

"We currently have 20 players in training.

"We have had six sessions of training since June this year," said Nor Saiful.

"I expect India, Australia and Britain to be the front runners for the title, but we hope to make it tough for them even though we

will be without six players."

A ceremony to recognise the sponsors was held yesterday. The tournament received RM2.15 million in sponsorship.

Those who presented their contributions were the Johor State Government (RM500,000), RITZ Corporation Holding Berhad (RM500,000), Astaka Padu Sdn Bhd (RM200,000), WM Era (RM200,000), Johor Corporation (RM100,000), JBB Builders (M) Sdn Bhd

(RM100,000), U M Land (RM100,000), Tenaga Nasional Berhad (RM100,000), SAJ Holdings Sdn Bhd (RM50,000), KH Land Sdn Bhd (RM50,000), The Zone (RM50,000), Iskandar Waterfront Holding Berhad (RM50,000), Genting Berhad (RM50,000) and Berjaya Times Square (RM30,000).

Sports Depot will provide apparels for match officials as well as special man-of-the-match awards for all 18 matches.