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MAM POSITIVE ON PREPARATION FOR MOTORSPORT COMPETITIONS

PUTRAJAYA, 17 June 2020 — The Motorsports Association of Malaysia (MAM) is positive that the Ministry of Youth and Sport fully supports its motion to allow motorsport competition to resume as soon as the Recovery Movement Control Order (RMCO) is lifted.

MAM President, Tan Sri Mokhzani Mahathir said the association is preparing to open up the sector gradually and in phases, as per outlined in the new Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) submitted to the Ministry of Youth and Sport which includes holding races behind closed doors (no spectators) and limiting the number of participants.

“We welcome the Government’s decision to initially allow non-competitive motorsport activities to run during the RMCO” he said after meeting the Minister of Youth and Sports, Dato’ Seri Reezal Merican Naina Merican, at his MoYS office in Putrajaya yesterday.

“Just like other sports, we have to carefully design a SOP specific to our sport, put it through a trial run, modify it if necessary before we reopen race circuits for track days and then competition. Pending approvals from MoYS, MKN and KKM, we hope to have a full schedule of competition back in the calendar as early as September. The motorsports community is eager to get going but we fully understand and appreciate the Government’s concerns in wanting to avoid a return of Covid-19 infections”.

Tan Sri Mokhzani further emphasised that as a non-contact sport, motorsport competition operates in an open air facility in which organisers have very good control over the environment they operate in. Circuits will be under strict access control to ensure every step is taken to keep them a Covid-19 free environment. Full cooperation from the motorsports community will be required to ensure the SOP is a success.

“We are grateful to have strong support from the Ministry. We will present a video of a mock event to the Ministry to show how the SOP would look like in practise. A practical, enforceable SOP which will ensure safe track usage as well as adhere to good health practises is what we are targeting” Tan Sri Mokhzani added.

MAM further laud the “Iniatif Prihatin Sukan 2020” by the Ministry of Youth and Sports. The RM 10mil initiative plan was announced by Dato’ Seri Reezal Merican Naina Merican to further assist the motorsports fraternity during this turbulent times and MAM feels the initiative acts not only as a financial aid but more importantly as a spring board to kickstart motorsport racing activities.

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