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Pakistan to compete in A1 Grand Prix

Staff Report

LAHORE: Pakistan will make its mark in the World Cup of Motorsport by taking part in the A1 Grand Prix on September 25, 2005 in England, stated Sheikh Maktoum Hasher Maktoum Al Maktoum, a member of the Dubai's ruling family and founder of A1 Grand Prix, during a news conference here on Friday. He said Pakistan would be called as A1 team in the Grand Prix and an American based Pakistani driver Noor Ali would represent the country.

"This is a landmark event for sports in Pakistan. Competing in A1 Grand Prix, the World Cup of Motorsport, will help promote Pakistan's international image, investment potential and national pride," said Sheikh Maktoum. He added it was a great moment for generating a spirit of pride and patriotism, especially among the youth of Pakistan.

He said the World Cup would comprise of 10-12 races and finish in March 2006. "A1 Grand Prix will present an ideal chance to Pakistan to take a new role at the world stage and a great opportunity to Pakistani businesses to display their products across the globe." He said 25 countries would contest in the race, while 13 had confirmed participation. Sheikh Maktoum introduced the driver, Noor Ali, and praised his skills and talent.