

Savvy winner can't believe her luck

KUALA LUMPUR: When Sabah-born Sarah Helmy received a phone call from Proton informing her that she was the lucky winner of a brand new Proton Savvy, the first thought that crossed her mind was that she was being scammed.

"I could not believe my ears when Proton contacted me and until now, I still find it hard to believe because it's just too good to be true!

"My parents can save some money now because they don't have to buy me a car," said the 20-year-old student from Universiti Putra Malaysia.

Sarah entered the Proton SMS and WIN contest while she was visiting the Proton Power of 1

showcase at Bukit Jalil National Stadium on Friday and received news of her win at 7pm the same day.

"I told all my friends about it. Some were happy for me, some were doubtful and there were even a handful who were jealous," she added.

She said she could not wait to take home her new "baby", adding that this would be her first car after getting her driver's licence recently.

Proton group marketing, branding and motorsports director John D. Chacko presented her the car at the showcase driving arena yesterday to the cheers of spectators on the grandstand.

"I still cannot believe how easy it was to win. All I did was answer one question and now I'm taking home a spanking new car," she said.

"Now my parents will have a driver when they come down from Sabah!"

Meanwhile, Formula One fever came alive at the Proton Power of 1 showcase as racing fans had the chance to watch the year's first qualifying race in a "live" telecast from Australia.

Fans had their eyes glued to the screen as the drivers and their cars whizzed by at breakneck speed around the track during the Australian Formula 1 Grand Prix in Melbourne.



Grand prize winner: Sarah jumping for joy after being presented her brand new Proton Savvy.