

Top-Ranked *Magic* Players From Around The World To Compete For \$10,000 At Grand Prix - Taipei

WHO: Hundreds of professional and amateur *Magic: The Gathering* players from around the world will gather to compete in this event, which is open to players of all ages.

WHAT: Grand Prix - Taipei is the first stop in Asia for the 2000 Grand Prix tournament series. *Magic* players will compete to win \$10,000 in prize money and to qualify for Pro Tour - New York.

WHERE: Jian Tan Youth Center, No. 16 Chung Shan North Road Sec. 4 Taipei, Taiwan

WHEN: Saturday, February 12 & Sunday, February 13

Saturday: Grand Prix tournament begins at 9 a.m. (no Saturday morning registration; players must register on Friday, February 11 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.)

Sunday: Top 64 players from day one; competition begins at 9 a.m.

Sunday: *Nemesis* Prerelease tournament; first section begins at 9 a.m., second section at 3 p.m.

WHY: Players will compete at Grand Prix - Taipei to become one of the top eight finishers who will automatically qualify to compete at Pro Tour - New York in April for \$150,000 in prize money. (Pro Tour - New York is one of six invitation-only *Magic* tournaments that are held around the world this season, culminating with the 2000 World Championships in Brussels, Belgium.)

In addition to the main Grand Prix - Taipei tournament, there will be a Prerelease tournament for the *Magic: The Gathering--Nemesis* card set, the second expansion set of the year's trilogy and the first for the year 2000. The Prerelease tournament allows *Magic* players to experience and compete against other players using the latest card set before the official release of the product.

More than six million players representing over 52 countries play the *Magic: The Gathering* trading card game. The \$1 million Pro Tour circuit is considered to be one of the most competitive and intense intellectual sport competitions in the world.