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Foreword By the FEI President

It is a pleasure and an honour to welcome you to the 2009 HSBC FEI World Cup™ Eventing starting with the Mitavite International Horse Trials here in Kihikihi.

On behalf of the Fédération Equestre Internationale, I commend the organisers for bringing one of our best-loved equestrian sports to a growing audience with their policy of free entry to spectators and HSBC for the support they are offering that enables this to happen. I extend a special welcome to members of the public who can experience first-hand the excitement of this thrilling sport.

Kihikihi Domain can boast the unique honour of hosting New Zealand's sole qualifying event for the 2009 HSBC FEI World Cup™ Eventing Final, to be held this year in Strzegom, Poland.

Eventing has made giant strides in adjusting its structure to ensure continued competition at the highest levels on the global sporting scene. As President of an international governing body of sports, I have nothing but praise for the efforts of the dedicated owners, athletes and organisers within this discipline. They have taken up the challenges of a new age and are leading the sport forward to a bigger and brighter future.

I sincerely wish all the athletes and their connections the very best for a successful event, and I thank the organisers and sponsors for their commitment to this supreme highlight of the New Zealand Eventing calendar.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Haya' with a decorative flourish at the end.

HRH Princess Haya
FEI President

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HRH Princess Haya Bint Al Hussein