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MALAYSIA'S BIGGEST NIGHT RIDE ATTRACTS 4,700 CYCLISTS

Kajang – The sixth LEKAS Highway Ride, Malaysia's No. 1 closed highway night cycling challenge, drew close to 4,700 local and international cycling enthusiasts. The event, which is a collaboration between RHB Banking Group and Lebuhraya Kajang-Seremban Sdn Bhd ("LEKAS", a subsidiary of IJM Corporation Berhad's Toll Division), was held on 27 July 2019 at the Kajang Selatan Toll Plaza, LEKAS E21. The event was flagged off by YBhg. Dato' Dr. Syed Omar Sharifuddin Syed Ikhsan, Secretary General, Ministry of Works, YBhg. Tan Sri Azlan Zainol, Chairman of RHB Banking Group and Dato' Soam Heng Choon, Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director of IJM Corporation Berhad.

This year's RHB LEKAS Highway Ride attracted cycling enthusiasts from 26 countries across the world, including United States, United Kingdom, Canada, Ireland, Italy, France, Bulgaria, South Africa, Russia, Australia, Indonesia, China, India, Brunei, Cambodia, Singapore, Japan, among others. This ride attracted 4,641 cyclists, and saw 8% increased in participation from international cyclists and 14% in female cyclists taking part in the 78km and 120 km ride.

Dato' Khairussaleh Ramli, Group Managing Director of RHB Banking Group said, "RHB LEKAS Highway Ride 2019 has heightened the pace of cycling and has become one of the most sought after cycling event in Malaysia, uniting cyclists of different race, age and gender from across the world on a single platform. The opportunity of riding on a highway such as LEKAS at night has created a lot of excitement amongst cyclists and it is definitely an experience of a lifetime for those first time cyclists".

"With the increasing health issues in today's society and the tendency towards a sedentary lifestyle, cycling is a good outdoor activity that connects communities and families and at the same time engages in an activity that promotes a healthy lifestyle. My advise to all 4700 participants of RHB LEKAS Highway Ride 2019, be safe and enjoy the ride," added Dato' Khairussaleh.

LEKAS, a dual three-lane highway which connects Kajang, Selangor to Seremban, Negeri Sembilan had ensured a full road closure for the event, and a fully LED-lit highway circuit, allowing cyclists to enjoy a smooth and safe ride. Both the 120km and 78 km race routes started and ended at Kajang Selatan Toll Plaza.

Dato' Soam Heng Choon, Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director of IJM Corporation Berhad said, "We are thrilled to return as the venue sponsor at LEKAS Highway as it aligns with IJM's commitment to inspire and encourage healthy, active living to all Malaysians from every walk of life. Over the years, we have seen the event gain traction to become one of the most anticipated events on Malaysia's cycling calendar. It is also very heartening to see the carnival-like atmosphere at the event with participants enjoying the food, complimentary sports massage and games in the cool night air. Along with the other running events that IJM organises throughout the year, we are glad that our highway concessions are being used as platforms to bring sports enthusiasts, friends and families together on a totally closed highway."

The competitive rides for the cycling event featured the 120km and the 78km routes. Categories for the 120km route were the 'Open' (men/women aged 22 years and above), 'Veteran' (men aged 45 years and above) and the 'Corporate/Open Team' (men/women aged 22 years and above). Categories for the 78km route were the 'Open' (men/women aged 22 years and above), 'Veteran' (men aged 45 years and above), and the 'Young Adults' (boys/girls between the ages of 17 and 21 years).

There was a special fun ride for teenagers (ages 13 to 16 years) and children (ages 10 to 12 years). These categories were fully sponsored by IJM, together with the first 100 participants of the Young Adult category, aiming to nurture new talents and promote cycling as a sport for all.

A special appreciation to the Royal Malaysia Police (PDRM), Malaysia Highway Authority (LLM) and Ministry of Works (KKR) for their efforts and dedication towards the success of the event.

Results of the race are as follows:

Categories	Winner	Time
120KM Men Open	1. Philip Yip 2. Mohd Faizal Mohd Nadzir 3. Mohammad Fairet Bin Rusli	1. 03:01:07 2. 03:01:20 3. 03:02:45
120KM Veteran Men Open	1. Tsen Seong Hong 2. Lee Weng Tat 3. Mummad Hafiz Wong Abdullah	1. 03:04:08 2. 03:04:20 3. 03:04:21
120KM Women Open	1. Noor Azian Alias 2. Jeynelle Lee 3. Stella Chen He	1. 03:10:19 2. 03:10:47 3. 03:10:48
120KM Corporate/Open Team	1. Storck Endurance 2. LEKAS 3. RHB	1. 09:09:38 2. 09:12:41 3. 09:17:50
78KM Men Open	1. Muhammad Azran Bin Ridzwan 2. Hafizh Syahrin Abdullah 3. Yim Wai Soon	1. 01:55:00 2. 01:55:00 3. 01:55:04
78KM Veteran Men Open	1. Nazarudin Wijee 2. Philip Tang Peng Ngiap 3. Loke Chee Keong	1. 01:55:00 2. 01:55:05 3. 01:55:06
78KM Women Open	1. Ng Hui Shia 2. Lee Wen Yee 3. Fatin Liana Binti Md Hassan	1. 02:05:08 2. 02:05:11 3. 02:08:31
78KM Young Adults (Boys)	1. Muhammad Firdaus Bin Sharum 2. Lawrence Yong 3. Albert Wijaya	1. 01:54:04 2. 01:54:04 3. 01:54:05
78KM Young Adults (Girls)	1. Mustika Ayuni Binti Mustofa 2. Cheong Ixia 3. Low Tze Yen	1. 02:19:57 2. 02:20:03 3. 02:53:07

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For more information, visit the event website www.lekashighwayride.my and Facebook pages www.facebook.com/LekasHighwayRide/ and www.facebook.com/GoSportzEvent/.

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About Lebuhraya Kajang-Seremban Sdn Bhd

LEKAS Highway offers the alternative route from Kajang to Seremban, Senawang and Kuala Pilah. The 44.3 km highway starts at Kajang Selatan in Selangor and ends at Paroi in Negeri Sembilan. There are seven interchanges along the highway at Kajang Selatan, Semenyih, Pajam, Mantin, Setul, Ampangan and Paroi. Apart from serving as the alternative route to the PLUS highway, users will also find several places of interest are more accessible. Such as Mantin, Broga Hill, the Jeram Toi Waterfall, ostrich farm in Jelebu, Istana Seri Menanti and Seremban International Golf Club. Two rest and service areas are located on each side of the highway at Beranang, between the Semenyih and Pajam Interchange. For those who travelling from Kuala Lumpur would find the highway a convenient way to get to Kuala Pilah and states of Pahang and Johor. To get onto LEKAS highway, one has to take exit 1804A that is accessible from the SILK Highway, Cheras-Kajang Highway and the South Klang Valley (SKVE) towards the SILK Highway. From PLUS North-South Highway, LEKAS Highway can be accessed through Kajang Exit 210 near Country Heights towards via SILK Highway towards Seremban, Kuala Pilah, Melaka and Johor. From MRR2, the highway can be accessed via Cheras-Kajang Highway (Grand Saga). With the abolishment of toll collection at Batu 11 Toll Plaza (towards Kajang Bound) and Batu 9 Toll Plaza (towards KL Bound), user can save money and reach destination earlier. From the south, the road user also can access LEKAS through PLUS North-South Highway at Senawang Exit 220, Port Dickson Exit 219 and Nilai /Pajam Exit 215. Seremban is also accessible from Setul or Paroi as well as Ampangan.