

Media Release

Australian Alumni Hunteroos Race 2008

The Aussie Race is back! Based loosely on a popular adventure race, the Australian Alumni Hunteroos Race saw 25 teams of four participating in a 10-kilometre walk-ride-challenge event around central Kuala Lumpur on Saturday 10 May. The teams were made up of graduates of Australian universities and their friends. The Race was proudly organised by the Australian High Commission Kuala Lumpur with support from the Malaysian Australian Alumni Council (MAAC).

The first prize went to *C'mon Aussie C'mon*, a team of University of Western Australia (UWA) graduates and their friends, who took home the RM1200 cash prize. Second prize of RM800 went to team *MPH* with alumni from Charles Sturt University and UWA. Team *Voltron* from University of Melbourne were second runners-up winning RM400. Consolation prizes were also presented to teams who had the funniest poses and gave their best shot at challenges, including the flying fox at the KL Tower. A special prize was given to the youngest participant, 11-month-old Alasdair Roberts-Raphael who finished the race without much fuss!

The event was flagged off on Saturday morning by Pamela and Vanessa Chong, better known as the Chong Sisters, first runners up of *Amazing Race Asia Season Two*. The Australian High Commissioner Her Excellency Ms Penny Williams and Puan Sri Dr Susan Cheah, the MAAC president, presented the prizes to the happy winners in a ceremony at the end of the race.

“Education is the bedrock of the bilateral relationship between Australia and Malaysia,” said Ms Williams. “It is great to have such a large and active Australian alumni network in Malaysia, and activities such as the Hunteroos Race are a fun way to celebrate those close people-to-people links.”

Steven Chong & Chung Seng of Victoria University Alumni commented that “it was a great way for us to catch up with our fellow alumni members who we don’t normally see otherwise - kudos to the organiser!”

“The Hunteroos Race is one of those events that does an excellent job in strengthening the ties between alumni members in a very fun and exciting manner. We look forward to more events such as this one,” said Ng Min Yan, a James Cook University alumni member.

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