



# Corporate M'sia runs for charity

The Edge's Kuala Lumpur Rat Race raises RM1.314m



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KUALA LUMPUR: Undeterred by the blistering heat that hit as high as 35°C in the late afternoon yesterday, some 500 Malaysians from 53 companies in their corporate tees and suits — and in some cases superhero costumes — joined The Edge Media Group's annual Kuala Lumpur Rat Race (KLRR).

Their efforts garnered RM1.314 million for charity in the 16th version of the race, which brought the grand total the race has raised over the past 16 years to over RM20 million.

"I look at my phone; it shows 35°C, but it feels like 37°C," The Edge Media Group publisher and chief executive officer (CEO) Ho Kay Tat quipped after the race ended.

"You guys and girls are truly awesome and amazing. I think all the beneficiaries and us from The Edge owe you a big 'thank you' for running in this heat," he added.

There were three major categories in the race: the 1.5km CEO run, and the 4km open and mixed runs. CEOs were flagged off first at 3.30pm, followed by the open and mixed categories at 3.45pm.

Less than 10 minutes after the race started for CEOs, Microlink Solutions Bhd group CEO Chia Yong Wei made his way to the finishing line.

"It was very hot, but it was great fun. It was very competitive," Chia



The 4km open and mixed runs started at 3.45pm yesterday.



Best dressed CEO winner Imran Aeja Ahmad from Khazanah Nasional Bhd. Photo by Chu Juck Seng



Affin Hwang Capital representatives joining the KLRR in superhero costumes. Photo by Chester Tay

said, adding that he was proud to finish first and that the race was a breeze to him. "I do a lot of long-distance running, so this is too short."

Chia was followed by DKSH Holdings (M) Bhd's head of country management Nicholas McLaren, who was trailed closely by Maxis Bhd's head of network, Abdul Karim Ali.

To Abdul Karim, however, the race was not as easy, even though he is used to running mid-to-long distances. "Usually, for the first five kilometres, it is just warm-up [for me], but with this race I had to sprint right at the beginning, so I felt the wind knocked out of me mid-way through the race," he added.

Loosely based on the Carey Wall

St Rat Race in New York, the KLRR has been regarded as a must-attend annual event for the business world here as part of its corporate social responsibility to help the disadvantaged in Malaysia.

The proceeds collected from this year's run will be channelled into charity and non-governmental organisations to support their programmes in training and education (70%), while the remainder will be channelled into The Edge Education Foundation for its English and financial literacy programmes to equip underprivileged students in selected secondary schools with skills they need for life after school.

This year's event was powered

## Winners of The Edge Kuala Lumpur Rat Race 2016

**COMPANY WITH THE MOST TEAMS** — Affin Hwang Capital & Eco World Development Group

**TOP 2 TEAM SPIRIT SQUADS**

Champion — S P Setia

1st runner up — Maybank

**TOP 3 BEST DRESSED TEAMS**

Champion — Feruni Ceramiche

1st runner up — Affin Hwang Capital

2nd runner up — Merchante Asia

**BEST DRESSED CEO** — Imran Aeja Ahmad, Khazanah Nasional

**MOST SENIOR RUNNER** — Wong Chin Mun, Vistage Malaysia

**TOP 3 FEMALE CEOs**

Champion — Monica Lai, Ireka

1st runner up — Noor Suhaila Binti Saad, BHIC Aeroservices

2nd runner up — Sarita Lee Mei Ling, KNM Group

**TOP 3 MALE CEOs**

Champion — Chia Yong Wei, Microlink Solutions

1st runner up — Nicholas Mc Laren, DKSH

2nd runner up — Abdul Karim Fakir B Ali, Maxis

**TOP 2 FEMALE — SENIORS**

Champion — Krystin Lai, Vistage Malaysia

1st runner up — Tew Bee Lay, Vistage Malaysia

**TOP 3 MALE — SENIORS**

Champion — Lee Kok Khee, K&N Kenanga

1st runner up — Ting Yi Jun, K&N Kenanga

2nd runner up — Gan Wei Seng, K&N Kenanga

**TOP 3 FEMALE — MIXED**

Champion — Choo Ngik Hung, CIMB

1st runner up — Renee Wong, Astro

2nd runner up — Faherina Binti Mohd Esa, CIMB

**TOP 3 MALE — MIXED**

Champion — Richard Sam Bedlow, PWC

1st runner up — Chan Chee Kian, Ireka

2nd runner up — Sharul Nidzam, CIMB

**TOP 3 FEMALE — OPEN**

Champion — Leong Yee Lan, RHB

1st runner up — Yap Luan Loo, RHB

2nd runner up — Khong Yoke Ling, Eco World Development Group

**TOP 3 MALE — OPEN**

Champion — Casey Lim Khon Seng, Genting Malaysia

1st runner up — Wong Chin Chun, Gamuda Land

2nd runner up — Edmund Lai, Genting Malaysia

**TOP 2 SENIOR TEAMS**

Champion — K&N Kenanga

1st runner up — Vistage Malaysia

**TOP 3 MIXED TEAMS**

Champion — CIMB

1st runner up — PWC

2nd runner up — Astro Team 1

**TOP 3 OPEN TEAMS**

Champion — RHB Team 1

1st runner up — Maxis

2nd runner up — CIMB

by Eco World Development Group Bhd and partnered by Affin Hwang Capital.

There are also gold, silver and bronze sponsors. The gold sponsors are Feruni Ceramiche Sdn Bhd and Matrix Concept Holdings Bhd, the silver is Vistage Malaysia Sdn Bhd,

while Land & General Bhd and Lendlease Projects (M) Sdn Bhd are the bronze sponsors.

Astro Malaysia Holdings Bhd is the event's official TV sponsor, while Lite FM is the radio sponsor, with Fraser & Neave Holdings Bhd's 100PLUS as the official drinks sponsor.