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OCBC AL-AMIN AND CGC DONATE BICYCLES TO SPECIAL SCHOOL STUDENTS, THEN HIT THE ROAD WITH THEM

Shah Alam, 5 September – It was no ordinary day for Sekolah Pendidikan Khas Selangor when the CEOs of OCBC Al-Amin Bank Berhad (OCBC Al-Amin) and Credit Guarantee Corporation Malaysia Berhad (CGC) led scores of their staff for a cycling fiesta with their students at Taman Lembah Bukit SUK Shah Alam recently.



OCBC Al-Amin CEO, Tuan Syed Abdull Aziz Syed Kechik (in white, on red bicycle) and CGC President and Chief Executive Officer, Datuk Mohd Zamree Mohd Ishak (to Syed's right) getting set to ride with the students

More than 80 students, accompanied by their parents and teachers, gathered as early as 7am for some light refreshments before the warm-up routine that preceded the cycling session.

OCBC Al-Amin Chief Executive Officer Tuan Syed Abdull Aziz Syed Kechik and CGC President and Chief Executive Officer Datuk Mohd Zamree Mohd Ishak sportingly got on their bikes to cycle along with the rest to the delight of everyone present.



CGC President and Chief Executive Officer, Datuk Mohd Zamree Mohd Ishak (second from left) and OCBC Al-Amin CEO, Tuan Syed Abdull Aziz Syed Kechik (fourth from left) presenting a mock cheque for RM20,000 to school principal Mohd Asari Bin Hj Omar (centre)

According to Datuk Mohd Zamree the initiative was aimed at encouraging the special students of SK Pendidikan Khas Selangor to actively engage in outdoor sporting activities in order to promote a balanced and healthy lifestyle.

“We are pleased to have partnered with OCBC Al-Amin to make this event a meaningful exercise for the special students. It’s always fun to cycle as a group and it was nice to see the smiles on these kids’ faces. We are delighted that they had an amazing time with the new bicycles sponsored by CGC and OCBC Al-Amin,” he said.

Earlier, OCBC Al-Amin and CGC presented 20 new bicycles and helmets to the school's Cycling Club, enabling the students to engage in healthy social activities and, ultimately, attain greater fitness levels through cycling.

Tuan Syed Abdull Aziz was equally pleased to partner with CGC in the meaningful joint corporate responsibility initiative.

"It's always nice to organise a charity event among ourselves but today was even better, collaborating with our long-time partner CGC. I'm thankful to CGC for the fine partnership we have forged and hope the students had fun during this memorable day. This is all part of our effort to become even more intrinsically involved with the communities around us. This partnership is one way for us to commit tangibly to going beyond simply providing superior banking products and services," he said.

Datuk Mohd Zamree and Syed Abdull Aziz, together with their staff, distributed goodie bags and refreshments to the students following the ride.

During the event, the kids were also entertained by the inimitable Jaja the Clown who distributed balloon sculptures to liven the event.

Expressing the school's gratefulness to CGC and OCBC Al-Amin, its Principal Mohd Asari Bin Hj Omar said it was heart-warming to receive the 20 bicycles from the caring corporate citizens.

"We are thankful for the fun get-together session organised by the Bank and CGC. We are keen to use the bicycles for our school activities and for upcoming *OCBC KL Car Free Morning* sessions as well," he added.

OCBC KL Car Free Morning, title-sponsored by OCBC Bank, is a twice-monthly sporting activity held every first and third Sunday of the month, starting from Dataran DBKL and running through a 7km traffic-free stretch in the heart of the city. Anyone may participate in sporting activities of their choice, including running and cycling, from 7am to 9am.

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