

OCBC DONATES TANDEM BICYCLES FOR 260 KILOMETRE KL-TAMAN NEGARA EXPEDITION BY THE BLIND

Kuala Lumpur, 12 October 2015 – OCBC Bank (Malaysia) Berhad (OCBC Bank) has donated ten tandem bicycles to the Malaysian Association for the Blind (MAB) for their 260 kilometre cycle expedition from Kuala Lumpur to Taman Negara slated for 3-5 December 2015.

The bicycles were presented to MAB Vice President (Dr.) S Radha Krishnan by OCBC Al-Amin Bank Berhad (OCBC Al-Amin) Director & CEO Syed Abdull Aziz Syed Kechik at a brief ceremony at the Association's premises in Brickfields today. OCBC Al-Amin is a subsidiary of OCBC Bank.



Syed Abdull Aziz Syed Kechik, Director & CEO of OCBC Al-Amin (third from left) handing over the tandem bikes to (Dr) S Radha Krishnan, Vice-President of MAB (fourth from left) as other representatives of OCBC Bank and MAB look on

“We are pleased to be part of yet another cycle-themed effort, this time with the MAB. We hope the health and social benefits that the 10 tandem bikes bring will be enjoyed not only for the duration of the expedition but long beyond as well,” he said.

MAB’s expedition from Kuala Lumpur to Taman Negara is part of its on-going plan to enhance bonding and strengthen endurance levels among the Association’s members. It is also aimed at fostering social interaction and increasing the propensity for healthy living and sporting activities among the blind.



Syed Abdull Aziz Syed Kechik, Director & CEO of OCBC Al-Amin (third from left) and (Dr) S Radha Krishnan, Vice-President of MAB (fourth from left) together with other representatives of OCBC Bank and MAB look on at the tandem bikes handing over ceremony

According to MAB, a total of forty 40 blind and sighted participants will part take in this event, which will feature several volunteers from OCBC Bank as well. Those taking part will undergo two months of training to enhance their endurance levels.

“The Association would like to thank OCBC Bank for their contribution. We had initially asked merely to borrow OCBC Bank’s bicycles but we were pleasantly surprised when they informed us they would rather give us 10 new ones instead. We are grateful for their act of kindness and are sure it will go a long way toward nurturing a sense of camaraderie and healthy living among both the blind and the visually sighted,” said (Dr.) Radha Krishnan.

OCBC Bank has been at the forefront of cycling with its title sponsorship of the twice-monthly *KL Car Free Morning*, donation of tandem bicycles to the disabled, sponsorship of universities' cycling efforts, and the upcoming mass cycling event *OCBC Cycle Kuala Lumpur 2015* which takes place on 8 November.

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