

42KM OCBC CYCLE KL RIDE SET FOR 5 NOVEMBER 2017 AT DATARAN MERDEKA

Into its third year, OCBC Cycle KL 2017 will feature two laps of 21km each

Kuala Lumpur, 25 May 2017 – The popular *OCBC Cycle Kuala Lumpur*, which drew over 2,000 participants last year, will be back for the third consecutive year on Sunday, 5 November 2017 at Dataran Merdeka with the promise of a longer stretch featuring only two laps.



Mayor of Kuala Lumpur Datuk Seri Hj. Mhd. Amin Nordin bin Abd. Aziz (second from left) and OCBC Al-Amin Chief Executive Officer Tuan Syed Abdull Aziz Syed Kechik (third from left) giving the thumbs up at the launch of OCBC Cycle KL 2017 this afternoon

The challenging 42km route of two 21km loops along the closed roads of the city centre will allow serious cyclists to showcase their riding skills.

Announcing this today, Mayor of Kuala Lumpur Datuk Seri Hj. Mhd. Amin Nordin bin Abd. Aziz said the ride aims to bring together 3,000 serious riders this year, complementing the role of the equally-popular *OCBC KL Car Free Morning*, which is designed for leisure cyclists and other sporting enthusiasts.

OCBC Cycle KL 2017 aims also, among others, to bring together the various players involved in cycling, supplies, sports clothing, bicycles, bicycle equipment and tools, among others, in what will culminate in the Sunday ride.

Managed by Multigreen Events, *OCBC Cycle KL 2017* is supported by Kuala Lumpur City Hall. The title sponsor is OCBC Bank (Malaysia) Berhad.

“We are pleased to once again support this mass participation cycling initiative in the heart of Kuala Lumpur. It is exciting to note that many are interested to cycle competitively on closed roads in the heart of Kuala Lumpur. It will be a good platform for the regular cyclists at *OCBC KL Car Free Morning* to attempt to tackle the next stage in their fitness and health goals. We would like to thank OCBC Bank for continuing to make available this cycling platform to all,” Datuk Seri Mhd. Amin Nordin said.

OCBC KL Car Free Morning is held on the closed roads of Kuala Lumpur every first and third Sunday of the month for leisure cyclists and other sports enthusiasts and is title sponsored by OCBC Bank.

According to YBhg Datuk Prof. Naim Mohamad, Implementation Committee Chairman of *OCBC Cycle KL 2017*, registration for *OCBC Cycle KL* is now open via ocbccyclekl.com.

“Anyone who wishes to participate in a challenging 42km ride should sign up now in order to enjoy the early bird participation rates. We’ve been gathering feedback from past year participants and the recurring call has been for longer loops and thus fewer laps. We are pleased to be able to fulfil this request by providing our first-ever 42km ride in the city centre over just two 21km loops,” he said.

Datuk Naim added that *OCBC Cycle KL 2017* will also feature, for the first time, a children’s category as well, which will be held on the morning of Saturday, 4 November.

“The events will include 100m Push Bike & Tricycle categories for 2-7 year-olds and Junior Sprint King events for 7-17 year-olds,” he said.

Elaborating on the thinking behind *OCBC Cycle KL*, OCBC Al-Amin Bank Berhad Chief Executive Officer Tuan Syed Abdull Aziz Syed Kechik said the event continues to draw from OCBC’s experience as title sponsor of the highly popular *OCBC Cycle Malaysia* since 2011, the introduction of the *OCBC KL Car Free Morning* in 2014 and *OCBC Cycle KL 2015*.

“We are looking forward to providing a memorable experience for the cycling community come 5 November 2017 and hope a large number of serious cyclists will turn up to take part in this challenging and exciting ride, especially with the longer stretch. We also hope the juniors will turn up in full force in the children and youth events as well on 4 November. We would like to thank everyone concerned who worked hard to make this year’s event what it is shaping up to be. I look forward to seeing all cycling enthusiasts at the starting line,” he said.

The 42km route will flag off from Dataran Merdeka and take participants through the streets and iconic landmarks of Kuala Lumpur.

Apart from *OCBC Cycle KL* title sponsor OCBC Bank, other sponsors include Warisan Outdoor, Cycling Malaysia, 100Plus and Innorack. More sponsors are set to be unveiled in the weeks ahead.

For more information on *OCBC Cycle KL* and to register, please visit ocbccyclekl.com

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