

**MORE THAN 2,000 CYCLISTS THROG “TOGETHERNESS”
FOURTH EDITION OF THE 42KM OCBC CYCLE KL 2018**

Kuala Lumpur, 12 November 2018 – More than 2,000 cyclists from all walks of life converged in the heart of Kuala Lumpur yesterday for the fourth edition of the 42km *OCBC Cycle KL 2018*, spanning two loops of a 21 kilometre stretch across some of the capital’s most iconic landmarks in the city centre.



The OCBC Cycle KL 208 participants raring to hit the 42km trail on closed roads in the city centre

The event, with a distinct togetherness theme, saw them cycling past some of the capital’s most iconic landmarks including the Petronas Twin Towers, Sultan Abdul Samad Building, the National Mosque and the old Keretapi Tanah Melayu building. It was flagged off from Dataran Merdeka by En Khairul Anuar bin Mhd Juri. Director of Culture, Arts, Tourism and Sports Department, Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur, and Dato’ Ong Eng Bin, CEO, OCBC Bank (Malaysia) Berhad.

The two 21km stretches saw participants riding through Dataran Merdeka, Jalan Raja Laut, Jalan Dang Wangi, Jalan Sultan Ismail, Jalan Conlay, Jalan Stonor, Jalan Kia Peng, Jalan Perak, Jalan P. Ramlee, Jalan Ampang, Jalan Putra, Jalan Tun Ismail, Jalan Sultan Salahuddin, Jalan Kuching, Jalan Kinabalu and Jalan Raja.



OCBC Cycle KL 2018 saw a significant increase in participation from women this year compared to last year

OCBC Cycle KL 2018 is title-sponsored by OCBC Bank (Malaysia) Berhad and organised by Multigreen Events. It is supported by the Kuala Lumpur City Hall and the Royal Malaysian Police (PDRM).

OCBC Bank Chief Executive Officer Dato' Ong Eng Bin said *OCBC Cycle KL* has proven itself to be a fitting and complementary event to *OCBC KL Car Free Morning*. The latter is also title-sponsored by OCBC Bank.

“In the spirit of inclusiveness and togetherness, well encapsulated in our theme Cycle Together, I am pleased to reveal that this year we enjoyed a leap in participation from women, which has grown significantly from just 20% last year to over 30% this year. Among the initiatives we took to ensure more balanced participation was to distribute the prizes evenly between the men and the women this year.

“We hope everyone had a good time and we would like thank all participants for joining us in this annual mass cycling event which remains the only one of its kind in the city centre on closed roads,” he said.

Datuk Naim Mohamad, Chairman of the *OCBC Cycle KL 2018* Implementation Committee said he was particularly pleased with the level of participation, especially since the route was rather challenging this year.

“With the longer distance and fewer loops, which we first rolled out last year, it was indeed more challenging for the participants this year as well. As organisers, we are pleased with the turnout and glad to see many cycling enthusiasts stepping up to the challenge. We are also grateful to DBKL and PDRM for ensuring a smooth and safe ride for all,” he said.

Apart from *OCBC Cycle KL 2018* title sponsor OCBC Bank, other sponsors include Great Eastern Life Assurance, Thule, 100 Plus, MOV Hotel, Quill Citymall KL, Warisan Outdoor, Cycling Malaysia, After Shokz, Banana Boat, Yakult, Garmin, Camelback, Maxtron, Gardenia, N8, Kenwood, Dynamiteque, Chiro Care, ES and Ciclista.

The event also brought together various players in the region involved in cycling, cycle-related supplies, sports clothing, bicycles, bicycle equipment and tools and so forth who participated in a Bike Mart.

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