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Yang Berhormat Brigadier General Khairy Jamaluddin
Minister of Youth and Sports
Putrajaya
Date: 31st of July, 2017

Honorable Minister,

Re: Issues facing the running community in Malaysia

As an active sportsman, I am sure that you are concerned about some of the issues faced by the running community in Malaysia. These include the increase in entry fees for running events which decreases the accessibility of these events; the call from some in the running community to have a monitoring body in order to maintain the quality of running events in the country and to prevent irresponsible organizers from collecting entry fees and later cancelling the event without any refunds; the differing policies regarding the participation of non-Malaysians in local races and the practice of bib-switching and selling.

To get a better idea of the views of the running community on the issues outlined above, I conducted an online survey among the running community entitled "Malaysian Runners' Survey". The data for this survey was collected over a 2-week period starting on the 17th of July and ending on the 30th of July. A total of 473 responses were collected and compiled.

In summary, this survey has found the following consensus views among those surveyed. Firstly, a majority of respondents feel that it is increasingly difficult to find runs which are both affordable and well-organized, in the entry price range of RM50 and below. Secondly, a majority of respondents support a proposal for the government to set up a monitoring body for races in Malaysia. Thirdly, a majority of respondents feel that non-Malaysians should be allowed to participate in races in Malaysia and that they should be allowed to win prizes but with the condition that there is a separate category for non-Malaysians. Lastly, a majority of Malaysians agree with bib-switching but with the caveat that the race organizers must be informed.

I hope that you can put the information from this survey to good use.

I congratulate your Ministry for organizing the free Fit Malaysia run on the 12th of August, 2017 and also for charging only RM60 for the 15km SEA Games run on the 19th of August, 2017.

Yours sincerely,

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