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Over 9,000 runners take part in final leg of highway challenge

KUALA LUMPUR

THIS year's IJM Allianz Duo Highway Challenge 2018 ended on a high note, witnessing the determination and strong will of runners who took full advantage of the opportunity to run on a closed highway.

The event attracted more than 9,000 runners from all walks of life. They were flagged off at Sunway Pyramid before making their way through the new Pantai Sentral Park interchange towards Pantai Dalam and returning to the finishing line.

After a successful debut last year, the International category drew interest from runners hailing from all over the world including Kenya, Scotland, France, Italy, Iraq, India, Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore and Australia.

The final leg of this year's IJM Allianz Duo Highway Challenge saw runners crowding the roads of the New Pantai Highway (NPE). Some participants and those who also completed the first leg of the challenge at Besraya Highway in April were excited to give their best in the second leg along the NPE to claim the title as the IJM Allianz Duo Highway Challenge champion.

The final winners were selected based on the fastest combined timing from the 21km and 13km at the NPE and Besraya Highway Challenge, respectively.

Held in collaboration with IJM Corporation Bhd (IJM) with Allianz



(Front row, from left) Zakri, Deputy Works Minister Mohd Anuar Mohd Tahir, Soam, IJM Toll Division chief executive officer Wan Salwani Wan Yusoff with the Women's Open Category winner Sheela (in purple) and Men's Open Category winner Poo Vasanthan.

Malaysia Bhd as the title sponsors, the race was organised by Besraya (M) Sdn Bhd and New Pantai Expressway Sdn Bhd under IJM's Toll Division and EC Pixels.

IJM Corporation Bhd managing director and chief executive officer Datuk Soam Heng Choon said:

"Once again, we are thrilled to be the venue partner for this event.

"This event has been providing a positive running experience on a totally closed highway and has established itself as a unique event for sports enthusiasts of all levels."

Allianz Malaysia Bhd chief exec-