

PRESS RELEASE

TERRY FOX RUN KL 2008

KUALA LUMPUR, [2 NOVEMBER 2008] – More than 9,000 participants, both young and old, sweated it out today at the Taman Tasik Perdana (Lake Gardens), in aid of cancer research in Malaysia. Reflecting its reputation as one of the world’s largest, single-day fund-raising events for cancer research, the Terry Fox Run KL 2008 witnessed runners, walkers, skaters and cyclists moving in concert through the spectacular scenery of Kuala Lumpur’s oldest park.

“We are thrilled that Malaysians and foreigners from all walks of life have joined us here today to celebrate Terry’s legacy and help keep his dream of finding a cure for cancer alive,” said a spokesperson for the Terry Fox Run KL organising committee.

Over 9,000 exclusive Terry Fox Run T-shirts were sold before and during the run, with a total of over RM 200,000 collected. The funds raised were channelled to the Cancer Research Initiatives Foundation (CARIF), Malaysia. The generosity of Malaysians was again evident as many participants made voluntary cash donations to support cancer research in Malaysia

The Terry Fox Run, named after the young man who inspired these events, has been held in KL for the last 18 years and has attracted thousands of Malaysians from all walks of life. The Terry Fox Run KL has raised more than RM1,000,000 (since 2001), with last year’s contribution totalling RM276,543. Globally, since 1981, the Terry Fox Run has raised more than RM1.3 billion, and attracts over 2 million runners each year, in aid of cancer research around the world.

Terry Fox was 18 years old when he was diagnosed with bone cancer. His right leg was amputated above the knee. Whilst in hospital, Terry was so moved by the suffering of cancer patients, especially the children, that he resolved to run across Canada (a distance of 8,500 kilometres) to raise money for cancer research. He called his journey the “Marathon of Hope”. He ran a marathon (42 kilometres) a day for 143 consecutive days - a total distance of 5,373 kilometres. Terry was forced to abandon his run as the cancer spread to his lungs and died at the age of 21. Before he died, he knew that a fund-raising event would be held each year, with the same objectives as the Marathon of Hope - to help find a cure for cancer.

“Every donation, no matter how small, counts. We would like to thank everyone for their generosity and goodwill and we hope that more corporations and businesses will support the run. More importantly, we hope more Malaysians will participate in 2009 to help increase awareness and contribute to cancer research,” said the spokesperson.

For further information, visit the Terry Fox Run KL website at www.terryfoxrunkl.org.

“I don’t feel that this is unfair. That’s the thing about cancer. I’m not the only one, it happens all the time to people. I’m not special. This just intensifies what I did. It gives it more meaning. It’ll inspire more people. I just wish people would realize that anything’s possible if you try; dreams are made possible if

you try,” - Terry Fox.

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About Cancer Research Malaysia

Cancer Research Malaysia (formerly known as Cancer Research Initiatives Foundation) is the first independent cancer research organization in Malaysia. Cancer Research Malaysia conducts research to identify better ways to prevent, detect and cure cancer for Malaysians. Cancer Research Malaysia is committed to ensuring that at least 90% of funds received are spent on research. Cancer Research Malaysia researchers work closely with experts worldwide to fight cancers that occur in Asia as well as globally.

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