

## TERRY FOX RUN DECEMBER 18, 2022





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# Flying in the spirit of Marathon of Hope, all the way from Canada – Darrell Fox in Kuala Lumpur!

**December 14, 2022 –** Cancer Research Malaysia and the High Commission of Canada are thrilled to announce the arrival of a special guest in Malaysia this year all the way from Canada - Darrell Fox, the younger brother of the legendary Terry Fox.

In 1980, at the age of 17, Darrell joined Terry on his Marathon of Hope in Saint John, New Brunswick. As Terry's younger brother, Darrell has had a long history of involvement with the legacy founded by his brother.

On Wednesday, December 14, 2022, Deputy Chief Scientific Officer of Cancer Research Malaysia, Professor Dr Cheong Sok Ching and Ryan Baerg from the Canadian High Commission in Malaysia hosted a media conference for select representatives from the media for an exclusive meet and greet session with Darrell Fox, in conjunction with the Terry Fox Run 2022 scheduled to take place on December 18 in Kuala Lumpur.

"The Terry Fox Run holds a very special meaning to us at Cancer Research Malaysia and to many Malaysians. Like Terry, we believe that investment in cancer research underpins better treatments for cancer patients, better ways of detecting the disease early and better approaches for prevention." said the Deputy Chief Scientific Officer of Cancer Research Malaysia, Professor Dr Cheong Sok Ching.



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The High Commission of Canada has shown unwavering support over the years. Ryan Baerg, Senior Trade of the High Commission of Canada shared his remark, "Terry was a young Canadian who set out to raise funds for cancer research and who represented the best of Canada in his courage, humility, and determination. Although Terry could not finish his Marathon of Hope, he has inspired millions across the world to take up the fight against cancer."

The highlight of the event was when Darrell Fox shared the story from his side, "My brother, Terry Fox was an average Canadian, average student and he was an average athlete. He was average in every way, but his determination. When Terry started the marathon, he wanted to try the impossible and he proved that the only limitation we have as individuals are self-imposed, we can do anything."

Adding to that, Darrell Fox said, "Our purpose is to keep raising \$1 more for cancer research. Terry asked only for a \$1 from every Canadian. He wanted us to be inclusive, he wanted us all to fight against cancer. After more than 4 decades, the Terry Fox Foundation Institute has raised over \$850 million for cancer research worldwide."

This year's run will be held at **Kepong Metropolitan Park, Kuala Lumpur on Sunday, 18th December 2022** at 7:30am where Darrell Fox will do the flag off. Participants can either run, jog, walk, skate or even dance your way towards the finish line. Everyone is welcome to join. Complimentary t-shirt will be provided in return for donation above RM 35.

For further enquiries on the event, kindly visit <a href="www.cancerresearch.my">www.cancerresearch.my</a> or contact comms@cancerresearch.my



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### **About the Terry Fox Run**

Terry Fox lost his leg to osteogenic sarcoma at age 18, underwent 16 months of treatment and found he could not ignore the suffering he witnessed in the cancer wards. Terry decided to run across Canada to raise money for cancer research in a Marathon of Hope. He wasn't doing the run to become famous; he wanted to create change and fund a cure for all cancers. Terry ran close to a marathon (42 kilometres) a day through snow, rain, wind, heat, humidity. After running for 143 days and covering a total distance of 5,373 kilometers, Terry was forced to abandon his run as the cancer had spread to his lungs. Terry Fox died a few months later at the age of 22. Before he died, he knew that a fundraising event would be held each year with the same objective as the Marathon of Hope: to help find a cure for cancer.

Since 1981, Terry Fox Runs have been held in over 50 countries across the world and has raised more than RM2.7 billion in aid of finding a cure for cancer. In Malaysia, the Terry Fox Run has raised more than RM2 million for cancer research and attracted over 7,000 participants.

#### **About Cancer Research Malaysia**

Cancer Research Malaysia is the only non-profit organisation in Malaysia dedicated to saving lives through impactful research focusing on the Malaysian population and communities across Asia. Its research has already led to the discovery and implementation of new and effective breast cancer prevention strategies and its priority is ensuring that Asians are not left out in the fight against cancer. Together with partners and supporters, Cancer Research Malaysia's vision is a future free of the fear of cancer. Funding for the organisation's lifesaving research depends on donations and sponsorship.