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# MCIS Life Malaysia Women Marathon Sprints Through Ipoh To Mark Merdeka Month

**Ipoh, 21 August 2022:** After the successful comeback in May at Petaling Jaya, the MCIS Life Malaysia Women Marathon (MCIS Life-MWM) 2022 blazed through Ipoh this morning, marking the first time the run is held outside of the Klang Valley.

The run was flagged off at Padang Ipoh and incorporated a route map which enabled participants to take in scenic historical sites of the city such as the Ipoh War Memorial, Birch Memorial Clock Tower and the serene Sultan Recreation Park as well as the more contemporary Ipoh Mural Lane.

"We were enthusiastic about the idea of showcasing our country's history and cultural identity in conjunction with August being the month of Merdeka. Coincidentally, this year's national theme of '*Teguh Bersama'* is also in line with our credo '*People Helping People''* said Mr. Ragunath Murthy, Chief Distribution and Marketing Officer, MCIS Life.

"To commemorate our inaugural Ipoh run, a special category was introduced, the first of its kind in the history of the run, which was the Full Marathon Duo category where two runners can team up to complete a total distance of 42km," said Madam Karen Loh, Founder and Race Director of MCIS Life-MWM.

MWM is the first women's marathon event in the Asia Pacific region which was first held in 2013, allowing only women runners to participate. Since then, it is an annual event celebrating the sorority of women in the running community while championing relevant issues affecting women and gender equality.

Hundreds of runners convened at the historical Padang Ipoh with adherence to the standard operating procedures and sporting events guidelines.

The full marathon duo (42km) and half marathon (21km) was flagged off by Ragunath, as well as Samson Vallabouy and Josephine Mary, Malaysia's own Olympian and Commonwealth Games athletes. The 10km and 5km were flagged off by YB Dato Nolee Ashilin, the state Exco for



Housing, Local Development and Tourism together with the Datuk Bandar of Ipoh, Dato Rumaizi Baharin.

The following individuals emerged as the top winners during the two-hour race:

- Champions of the Full Marathon Duo of the Women Duo, Men Duo and Mixed Duo categories: Kartini Ahmad Kamal & Noor Farina Rusdi, Wong Yize & Mohammad Izul Amirul and Nik Fakaruddin & Noor Amelia
- Champions of the half marathon (21km) of the Women Open, Women Vet and Men categories: Chen Li Ping, Sea Hui Thin and Kipchirchir Lel
- Champions of the half marathon (10km) of the Women Open, Women Vet and Men categories: Law Lee Chee, Lee Sium Louw and Mohd Naim Bin Jamaluddin

The event day was made more meaningful with the launch of MCIS Life's mobile clinic dubbed the "Purple Truck"; a mobile cancer screening truck aimed at screening services as well as awareness of the importance of cancer screening and a healthy lifestyle. The launch was graced by DYMM Tuanku Zara Salim, Raja Permaisuri Perak Darul Ridzuan.

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## MCIS LIFE MALAYSIA WOMEN MARATHON 2022 (IPOH) WINNERS' LIST

## Full Marathon (42km)

	Women Duo	Men Duo	Mixed Duo
1	Kartini Ahmad Kamal &	Wong Yize &	Nik Fakaruddin & Noor Amelia
	Noor Farina Rusdi	Mohammad Izul Amirul	
2	Ong Sueming & Tham Sze Kei	Zulkhairi Bin Shahrim &	Amiruddin Bin Nasir &
		Mohd Nor Afifi	Nur Syaripah
3	Tham Seow Yee &	Lim Kok Leong &	James Low Meng Tack &
	Tham Seow Mun	Wong Fu Siang	Loh Chooi Fern
4	Lim Soek Yan &	Tan Chong Lun &	Law Lip Hou & Tiew Jing Jing
	Leong Yee Lan	Gui Chin Keong	
5	Pan Hui Qi & Wong Pik Wah	Ong Wei Xiang &	Tang Xing Nian &
		Kenny Ng Hong Liang	Lee Seng Yao

## Half Marathon (21km)

	Women's Open	Women's Vet	Men
1	Chen Li Ping	Sea Hui Thin	Kipchirchir Lel
2	Emily Ho Mei Li	Alicia Toh Chia Yin	Robin Tan
3	Allison Beh	Michelle Looi Mei Yan	Elvis Kyalo Kisavi

## 10km Run

	Women's Open	Women's Vet	Men
1	Law Lee Chee	Lee Sium Louw	Mohd Naim Bin Jamaluddin
2	Tioh Yen Tyng	Supreeya Thinthip	Muhammad Asymawi Bin
			Muhamad
3	Nor Afifah	Yen Siew Foong	Muhamad Danial Zul Hilmi



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