

THE EDGE-BURSA MALAYSIA KUALA LUMPUR RAT RACE 2009

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Mr Ho Kay Tat, Managing Director of The Edge,
Participating runners, cheerleaders, sponsors, supporters, friends
And Representatives from this year's selected beneficiaries,

Assalamualaikum and good evening.

I think this is the only time we enjoy running around the streets of KL so much as compared to running around the corridors of our offices.

Anyway, congratulations to all of you for completing the race! Together with 795 runners from 159 teams who came from 67 organisations, we did it! I was following the progress of the participating numbers as the event day drew nearer and it was just marvellous to see the numbers grow. The best part is, we managed to raise RM1.71 million for *The Edge Bursa Malaysia KL Rat Race 2009*. I was especially nervous given that the financial and economic conditions proved to be very challenging for most businesses. This is truly a proud moment for all of us. Let's give ourselves a big round of applause!

It is all the more exciting to have broken participation records again this year, as we celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Rat Race. Thanks go to each and every one of you for your enthusiasm and spirit in your participation, not just this year, but for the years before.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Today, we ran for very noble reasons. Our collection will be channelled towards organisations that centre on youth and development – our community of focus this year. This is indeed a demonstration of all our collaboration in a strong corporate social responsibility programme. We hope that your contribution and effort today will make a change in the lives of the young.

I am also pleased to say that Bursa Malaysia is again pledging to plant a tree for every participating team in this year's race. In total, we will be planting 159 trees and all the organisations will receive an 'Adopt-A-Tree' certificate as a token of recognition. These trees will be planted in our 'Rimba Bursa Malaysia' plot of land in the Kepong Metropolitan Park.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

This race has proven your commitment in corporate responsibility as well as true spirit of teamwork and sportsmanship. Special mention must go to our sponsors – Sapura Group of Companies and Celcom Malaysia Berhad as Gold sponsors; Kenanga Investment Bank Berhad as Silver sponsor; and EON Bank Berhad as Bronze sponsor.

I am also very appreciative of all the participating companies for your unending support. Your contribution and involvement have demonstrated the genuine commitment to establish corporate responsibility among employees in your organisation. On behalf of all the recipients of the Rat Race funds, I thank you for your generosity and your spirit of humanity.

To our partner, The Edge, thank you! It is great working with you again for yet another year! The 10th Anniversary race has been the most exciting race and I'm already seeing winners tonight. I am already looking forward to next year's race and hope to see all of you, as well as more in 2010.

Thank you.