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Ride in Bukit Seputih forest reserve to be held on April 9 while MPAJ Run is on April 30

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FRESH breeze and the greenery of a forest reserve are what Ampang Jaya Municipal Council (MPAJ) promises with its Cycling Jamboree.

The Bukit Ampang Cycling Jamboree Challenge 2017 and MPAJ Run 2017 are being organised for the first time to celebrate the council's 25th anniversary.

The jamboree boasts beautiful sights, a thorough workout and fun with the family for participants who will trek Ampang Jaya's main roads as well as an off-road treat over 10km through the Bukit Seputih Forest Reserve.

"The challenge involves a 30km hybrid cycling track through streets, up and down hills and along forest trails," said MPAJ president Abdul Hamid Hussain.

"We hope the tournament will prompt greater interest in cycling as a sport among younger generations as well as make Bukit Ampang our newest tourist destination.

"There are nine categories people can participate in and we have 1,000 participants to-date, with the oldest aged 72.

"Cash prizes for all nine categories come up to a total of RM7,000."

He added that first to third-placed winners in each category would receive RM300, RM200 and RM100, respectively, while those in

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fourth and fifth placings would get RM50 each.

MPAJ's 12km and 5km run sponsored by Sime Darby Property have categories for men, women and veterans.

All three categories offer RM500 as first prize, RM400 for second, RM300 for third and RM100 for fourth to 10th placings.

"To heighten anticipation for this Silver Jubilee celebration, the council has a mystery gift for every 500th participant in the MPAJ Run 2017.

The run around Taman Melawati covers nine streets within the neighbourhood.

"Residents of the neighbourhood get a special fee of RM10 and can register with MPAJ, their residents

Abdul Hamid (in suit and yellow tie) and MPAJ deputy president Hasrolnizam Shaari (in grey suit) with representatives of sponsors of the Bukit Ampang Cycling Jamboree Challenge.

association or councillors.

"We are expecting 3,000 participants and have already received response from 1,500 people.

"It is one of the state government's initiatives to encourage residents of Selangor to lead a healthy lifestyle.

"We ask participants to either use public transport or carpool when coming to the event to avoid causing traffic congestion in the area," said Abdul Hamid.

Register for the Cycling Jamboree Challenge at www.bikeaway.com with a fee of RM60 per person, which includes a racing kit, goodie bag and food.

It will be held on April 9 from 7.50am onwards at the Taman Bukit Indah Bicycle Trek.

Register for the MPAJ Run 2017 at www.event.howel.com for a fee of RM57 for 12km and RM45 for 5km, which also includes a running kit consisting of a T-shirt, Ultron bag, bib, certificate and food.

It will be held on April 30 in Taman Melawati, flagging off at 7am in Lorong Selangor.

For details, visit www.mpaj.gov.my



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KUALA LUMPUR: Residents of villages surrounding Taman Rimba Ampang are frustrated over a proposed housing project at the recreation park.

They claimed that an individual had illegally sold off 1.62ha of land, consisting of 48 lots, mostly to foreigners.

From Taman Rimba Ampang's car park, it was evident that some clearing work had been carried out.

Persatuan Muafakat Lembah Jaya Utara president Noor Ashraf Mashal Khan had lodged a police report on March 28.

"We are against a housing project here and want it to remain and be maintained as a public recreational park.

"In fact, we want this place to bloom into a tourist attraction, where we can attract local and foreign visitors," he said at a

protest yesterday.

Ampang Umno Youth executive council member Muhammad Shahdiq Abd Rahman said although the portion of land in question belonged to the state, which any Malaysian can purchase, the individual in question had not obtained approval from the authorities.

"This person had applied to purchase this land, but had not got any approval.

"So, why has he sold the lots and started clearing the land?"

"We were made to understand that his buyers had paid him a partial sum for land clearing, and once that was completed, they would pay the remaining sum," he said, without specifying the price of each lot.

When contacted, Ampang Jaya police chief Assistant Commis-

Residents of villages surrounding Taman Rimba Ampang protesting against the proposed housing project at the park in Ampang yesterday. (Inset) Protest banners are seen at Taman Rimba Ampang. PIX BY SALHANI IBRAHIM