800 athletes for University Series

KUALA LUMPUR: The 2012 Malakoff Corporation Berhad’s (Malakoff) University Duathlon Series (MUDS) which enters its sixth edition this year is expected to attract 800 undergraduates and individuals.

Malakoff Chief Executive Officer Zainal Abidin Jalil said the undergraduates are from Universiti Malaya (UM), Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) and Universiti Pertahanan Nasional Malaysia (UPNM). “We are excited about this MUDS as we believe it is a great platform for participants, especially the youth, to take the next step forward towards becoming a professional duathlete,” he said. Zainal

Abidin said the number of participants has increased every year since the inaugural MUDS, which was held in 2003 with only 321 participants while the number increased to 620 last year.

The first leg of the 2012 MUDS, which involves running (4km)-cycling (14km) running (4km) disciplines, will be held at UM on May 12, followed by UPM on May 19 and the grand finale at UPNM on May 26.

He said the primary objective of MUDS is to reach out to talented amateurs and first-timers to take up the challenge of participating in this run-bike-run, multi-sport race to help boost the Duathlete Community in Malaysia.

“We have witnessed some young budding athletes who first participated in MUDS and challenging themselves even further by joining international duathlon tournaments such as Pow- erman Malaysia,” he said. MUDS comprise four categories—university (Men’s and Women’s), open (Men’s and Women’s), and team relay (Mixed and Men’s) and media (Men’s and Women’s). The regis-tration is currently open for all categories and those interested can obtain further information on MUDS 2012 at its official website: www.duathlon-series.com.my. — Bernama