



Participants in one of the races making their way past some obstacles to get to the finish line.

Extreme cyclists show their mettle

Two-day event tests participants' endurance, dexterity and mental strength

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SOME 1,500 individuals, including foreigners, took part in the two-day "Cycle Sendayan" event held for the first time at Bandar Seri Sendayan's Extreme Park – touted to be the country's first such facility dedicated to motorised and non-motorised extreme sports.

Despite the inclement weather, the cycling enthusiasts from various age groups showed their bike-handling skills in the different categories such as the BMX Race, MTB Jamboree Fun Ride, MTB Cross Country Short Circuit (XCC) Race, MTB Cross Country Marathon (XCM) Race and Push Bike Race held at the 14ha park.

Negri Sembilan Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Mohamad Hasan, who gave away the prizes to winners, said extreme cycling was becoming an increasingly popular sport among both locals and foreigners.

"I am glad the organisers managed to get cycling enthusiasts from abroad to participate in this event.

"Apart from advocating healthy living, such events can also help promote tourism," he said at the prize-giving ceremony at the d'Tempat Country Club.

Extreme cycling enthusiasts from Japan,

Singapore, Myanmar and Thailand took part in the inaugural race.

Mohamad was also happy that apart from the Men and Women Open categories, there were also events for the younger participants and veterans.

"We should have more of such events organised in other parts of the country so that those who are really into the sport will have more opportunities to take part and take the sport seriously," he said adding that the sport tested an individual's endurance, dexterity and mental strength.

"It is also a sport where the entire family can participate," he said adding that the participants had said the track was "quite challenging".

Mohamad also gave away trophies and cash prizes totalling some RM60,000 to the winners.

Also present were Matrix Concepts Holdings Bhd chairman Datuk Mohamad Haslah Mohamad Amin and managing director Datuk Lee Tian Hock.

The Extreme Park also features an assortment of thrills and attractions to cater to the needs of all visitors.

The park, which is expected to be fully operational early next year, also has a golf driving range, futsal courts and off-road buggy driving track.



Two cyclists in action during the BMX Race.



Mohamad (in yellow) with the winners of one of the race categories at the prize-giving ceremony.