



Tan helping to adjust Tham's helmet. They were among 30 pairs of volunteers and visually impaired cyclists at the event.



The cyclists in a cheerful mood at the ride organised by Sunway Property in Penang.

Relishing the freedom of cycling

The visually impaired among 450 cyclists who took part in event in Penang

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VISUALLY impaired Tham Wai Yee, 21, felt a sweet sense of accomplishment when she took part in a 40km cycling ride in Penang. Tham, together with her guide Tan Phaik Geok, 36, cycled from Sunway Property @ Anson in Anson Road, George Town, to Sunway Cassia in Batu Maung on a tandem bike.

"I don't get to cycle every day and it was very nice to take part in this ride," she said at the event organised by Sunway Property as part of its annual Race for A Better Planet campaign to mark World Environment Day.

Both Tham and Tan were among 450 cyclists who took part in the ride flagged off by Deputy Chief Minister I Mohd Rashid Hasnon at Sunway Property @ Anson.

There were two categories in the non-competitive event — a 6km fun ride to Occupy Beach Street and back and a 40km round trip from Anson Road to Batu Maung.

Tan, an engineer, said she enjoyed chatting with Tham as they cruised along the roads.

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two years.

Besides the cycling event, visitors enjoyed stage performances and took part in a lucky draw.

A planting corner and several booths on folk games were set up.

Also present were Sunway Group deputy managing director Tan Wee Bee, Sunway Property brand, communication and special initiative assistant general manager Teh Ee Laine as well as Sunway Property Penang general managers Ahila Ganesan and Lim Beng Hoe.

The cycling events kicked off at Sunway Property Penang and Sunway City Ipoh concurrently. They were followed by rides at Sunway Iskandar Johor.

The next event will take place at Sunway City in Selangor on May 21.



Some of the pairs of volunteers and visually impaired cyclists on tandem bikes at the event.

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