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## Five charity organisations to benefit from KL marathon

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**T**HE organisers of the Standard Chartered KL Marathon have named five beneficiaries for their "Run for a Cause" charity drive at Dataran Merdeka in Kuala Lumpur on June 27.

Among the five organisations are Malaysian Association for the Blind (MAB), Malaysian AIDS Foundation (MAF), National Cancer Society of Malaysia (NCSM), Children's Environmental Heritage Foundation (YAWA) and Standard Chartered Trust Funds (SCTF).

Celebrities who have come together in support of the cause are Miss Malaysia World 2009 Thanuja Ananthan, actor Fahrin Ahmad, actress Aishah Sinclair, host Rina Omar, seasoned marathon runner Ralph Dixon as

well as singers Amy Mastura, Zainal Abidin and Atilia Harun.

For pledging a minimum of RM500 to be channelled to one of the five charity organisations of their choice, participants will receive a free entry to take part in the event.

Organising committee adviser Datuk Seri Dr Ibrahim Saad praised the volunteers of the charity organisations for their help in creating awareness and spreading the message about the event.

"The run is more than a community sporting event. It also provides a platform for us to give back to the society," added Dr Ibrahim, who is expected to join the event with his family.

Last season, the event helped

**DR IBRAHIM SAAD**

to raise RM500,000 with more than 12,500 participants in action.

With 10,000 competitors having signed up thus far, Dr Ibrahim said they were hopeful of reaching the 18,000 target this year.

Besides the women's and men's open section for the full marathon and half marathon, they have also included another two sections - women's and men's - for veteran runners aged 40 years and above.

The two other distances for the proper race are 5km and 10km.

Participants in the fun run will be going for a stroll around the 5km course while the corporate challenge team event will be covering a distance of 10km.

In addition, children between aged six and nine years; and 10 and 12 years will be feature in the 950m and 3km Kids Dash categories respectively.

For details, visit [www.kl-marathon.com](http://www.kl-marathon.com)

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**Setting a target:** The organisers, representatives from the five charity organisations and celebrities joining Dr Ibrahim (centre) at the launch of the campaign.