

Press Statement by Y.A.B. TUAN LIM GUAN ENG Chief Minister of Penang Chairman, Perbadanan Bekalan Air Pulau Pinang Sdn Bhd and PBA Holdings Bhd. Penang, 4 August 2014.

SPONSORING A PENANG MOUNTAIN BIKE CHAMPION

Perbadanan Bekalan Air Pulau Pinang Sdn Bhd's (PBAPP) is pleased to announce its sponsorship of downhill mountain bike (DH MTB) racing champion Adam Faroze Ahmed.

A Penang boy, Adam is a 26-year-old semi-professional DH MTB racer who has been travelling around Malaysia, as well as overseas, to compete in 2014. He has won three races so far this year:

- The Kenvir MTB Challenge in Terengganu, on 11th May 2014;
- The Western Australia State Downhill Race Series 3 in Perth, Australia (expert category) on 31st May 2014; and
- The Kiara Downhill Domination in Kuala Lumpur, on 8th June 2014.

In June 2014, he has also managed to achieve:

- 4th placing in the Kona Victorian DH MTB (expert category) in Victoria, Australia; and
- 5th placing in the Philippines National Championships / 2014 ASEAN MTB Cup Series 1 in Cebu.

On 4th July 2014, PBAPP handed over a RM15,000 sponsorship cheque to Adam, in recognition of his national and international achievements, as well as to support his dream of flying Penang's colours high in other DH MTB races this year.

The sponsorship will help to cover his expenses to participate in 6 more races this season:

- The Malaysian National Championships / 2014 ASEAN MTB Cup Series 2, in Sabah, from 15 to 17th August;
- The Japan National Series J1 Winghills, 26th and 27th September;
- The UCI Asian Continental Championships in Sumatra, Indonesia, on 31st October;
- The Asia Pacific Downhill Challenge, in Bali, Indonesia, on 7th November;
- The Chiangmai Downhill Challenge, Thailand, in November; and
- The "Kuantan Beat My Time" Race in Pahang, Malaysia, in November.

This sponsorship is in line with the Penang State Government and PBAPP's commitment to support and provide incentives for Penang athletes. We always want to promote excellence in sports, and encourage our sportsmen and sportswomen excel.

Cycling also promotes a healthy and green lifestyle in Penang and supports our aim to create a Cleaner, Greener and Healthier Penang for all.

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At the same time, we wish to further enhance Penang's position as a bicycle-friendly tourist destination.

We hope that our sponsorship of Adam will inspire more people in Penang to take up cycling, especially amongst our youths, while increasing our visibility amongst the national and international mountain bike community.

Adam is the highest ranked Malaysian DH MTB racer by UCI, cycling's international federation which is recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC). In 2013, he was ranked 166 amongst all DH MTB racers in the world, and he is one of the best-known mountain bikers in Malaysia.

Besides wearing the PBAPP logo and the word "Penang" on his race jersey in the second half of 2014, Adam also posts race videos on vimeo.com, as well as race reports and updates on his facebook account and team website as listed below.

As I understand it, the team website recorded over 3 million hits in 2013. Meanwhile, Adam's race video postings were viewed more than 80,000 times, and have been linked to pinkbike.com and vitalmtb.com, two of the world's largest mountain bike websites.

So, on behalf of the Penang State Government and PBAPP, I wish Adam all the best in all his races in 2014. Please do your best for Penang, and we will cheer for you all the way.

Thank You.

Adam Faroze Ahmed

Sport / Discipline
Cycling / Downhill Mountain Bike Racing (DHI)

· Age 26

Height / Weight 179cm / 68kg

No. of Years Racing 11UCI World Ranking (2013) 166

Sports Career Highlights 3 race wins in 2014 (Kuala Lumpur, Kenyir and Perth)

Overall Champion, Malaysian National DH Series 2011

SUKMA Games Gold Medallist 2006

Sponsors (2014)
PBAPP, Banshee Bikes / Fakawi Bikes, FJC and

Unsprung.sq

Profession
Professional Qualification
Business Development Manager, Etamax Sdn Bhd
Masters in Aerospace Engineering, University of Bristol

Facebook
facebook.com/adam.faroze

Team Website fakawitribe.comRace Videos vimeo.com/downhill

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