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### FIRST TEST RUN FOR SHELL ECO MARATHON VEHICLES

Brunei's participants in the Shell Eco Marathon Asia 2012 yesterday made the first ever test run on the vehicles that they will be bringing to Sepang International Circuit, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia this July.

Five teams will be representing the country in the second ever participation in the event. The test run was conducted at Universiti Brunei Darussalam.

The country's participation in the event is sponsored by Brunei Shell Petroleum, with collaboration with the Department of Technical Education, Ministry of Education and also co-sponsored by Brunei Shell Marketing.

More than 600 students representing 143 teams from various educational institutions in Asia is expected to converge at the Sepang F1 circuit to vie for the most efficient vehicles in various categories.

Universiti Brunei Darussalam this year will be sending their first ever team to the competition. Their team, "GenNext", will be taking part in the Solar Power Prototype category. Lead by team leader Muhammad Redza Hussin, they managed to complete the designs and the assembly of the vehicle prior to the first ever test run.

Meanwhile two of the schools which took part in last year's competition will each be sending in two teams.

Sekolah Vocational Sultan Bolkiah is represented by team "BRUDA-Mech" for the Urban Concept Gasoline Prototype while last year's "Automaxx" running in the Electric Prototype category.

Pusat Latihan Mechanic meanwhile will be represented by team "Alpha 1" and "Alpha 2" for the Prototype-Gasoline and Urban Concept-Battery Electric categories respectively.

Besides the trial run, the teams yesterday conducted the important stringent technical requirements set by the organizer. These technical test covers various aspects of the vehicle in particular the safety and road worthiness before they are allowed to go on the Sepang F1 circuit.

Present to witness the trial run was the Deputy Managing Director of Brunei Shell Petroleum, Hj Salleh Bostaman bin Hj Zainal Abidin, Managing Director of BSM, Hj Mohd Sufri bin Hj Sulaiman.

Also present were the Deputy Vice Chancellor of UBD, Dr Hj Zohrah bte Hj Sulaimanas and the Acting Director Department of Technical Education, Ministry of Education HJ Mohd Sharifuddin bin Hj Mohd Salleh.

Hj Salleh Bostaman in his remarks said that BSP is proud and excited to see these "Made in Brunei" vehicles which are designed and built by locally.

"We hope that the participants will bring in new learning and understanding which can be brought into future participations", Hj Salleh stated.

The Managing Director of BSM meanwhile in his remarks said that he was impressed at the designs of the Brunei cars.

He noted that as a Bruneian he was also equally proud to see that the technology and designs is developed by local Bruneians.

Last year, PLM's team Alpha with their vehicle nicknamed "C7" managed to reach 104 km using a litre of fuel. This year they are targeting beyond this distant.

Team SVSB meanwhile during their first participation managed to reach 39km on a single litre of fuel in the Urban category using their vehicle called "Delta X".

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