

MAJLIS BANDARAYA SHAH ALAM
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Car-free day back after festive break

Shah Alam mayor urges more people to join programme in months to come

AFTER a two-month break, the Shah Alam City Council (MBSA) held its Car Free Day at Dataran Kemerdekaan in Section 15 on Sunday.

Shah Alam mayor Datuk Ahmad Zaharin Mohd Saad said more awareness programmes were needed to promote the event.

"This event is held on every second Sunday of the month but we did not organise it in June and July because of Ramadan and Hari Raya.

"In our previous events from January to May, we had more than 1,000 participants but this time it looks like fewer people turned up.

"Our aim in holding this event is to encourage the public to lead a healthy lifestyle and reduce the number of vehicles on the road," the mayor said in his speech.

Ahmad Zaharin encouraged residents to take the opportunity to walk, run, cycle, or skate along roads such as Persiaran Bandaraya, Persiaran Perbandaran, Persiaran Tasik, Persiaran Masjid, Persiaran Dato' Menteri and Persiaran Damai which were closed for the event.

"There are many activities organised along this 5km route and because it is August, we are giving away prizes for those who come dressed in National Day costumes," said Ahmad Zaharin, adding that he hoped the next Car Free Day on Sept 10 would see a bigger turnout.

The public were treated to free rides on vehicles resembling trains as well as trishaws that looked like cars.

Food and drinks booths were set up while the crowd was entertained by buskers as well as the MBSA band and singers.

Mobile libraries were set up by MBSA and the Selangor Public Library Corporation.

Bicycles and electric scooters were also available for hire.



Ahmad Zaharin (centre) looking at books available at the MBSA mobile library during the event.



Some of the participants testing the pedal power of a trishaw that looks like a car – one of the attractions at the event.



Young boys and girls having fun on in-line skates and bicycles at Shah Alam City Council's Car Free Day at Dataran Kemerdekaan in Section 15, Shah Alam on Sunday.