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Izmee reveals plans to improve the Tour

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PLANS to improve next year's Le Tour de Langkawi are already on the drawing board and these efforts will begin as early as April.

The Tour's operations director Izmee Anwar Ismail said one of the proposals is to divide the Tour into three divisions - the North, South and East Malaysia.

"By concentrating the race in these regions, alternating them from year to year, we should be able to solve the logistics problems as experienced earlier," said Izmee.

He said that they would maintain the 12-day period as this is the guidelines given by the International Cycling Union (UCI).

"However, the race must always end in Langkawi as this is part of the Tour's tradition.

"This is still in early states of the plan and we must consult the patron, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad before making a final decision," he added.

Izmee also said there is an urgent need to attend to the problems relating to logistics regarding transfers and also to improve services to the press.

Besides this, Izmee said Tour consultants International Management Group (IMG), will sponsor the best performing Malaysian rider to take part in two European Tours.

The Tours chosen for the winner are the Rominger Classic and A Travers Lausanne in Switzerland.

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