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Guinness Charity Ride cyclists off to Malacca

CYCLING FOR CHARITY ... After completing the Klang Valley leg of its tour, the Guinness Charity Ride Malaysia 2000 led by the high-profile Irish Blazing Saddles cyclists is bound for Malacca, and then to Langkawi and Penang.

Yesterday, they were received at Putrajaya by Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Pandikar Amin Mulia, on behalf of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Present were Irish Ambassador Bobby McDonagh, Guinness Anchor Berhad corporate affairs director Datuk Lee Kee Hock and First Cartel (M) Sdn Bhd chairman Datuk Wan Lokman Datuk Paduka Wan Ibrahim.

Seen in the picture sitting on the seven-seater bicycle are (front) Amin, Blazing Saddles team leader Tracy Piggot, Lee, (back row from left) McDonagh, Blazing Saddles co-team leader Phillip Cassidy and Wan Lokman.

The seven-seater bicycle, the only one of its kind in the world, is usually cycled by six blind cyclists and steered by a sighted pilot.

The 150-strong entourage, made up of blind and sighted persons, comprised 140 Irish cyclists and 10 cyclists from the Malaysian Association for the Blind.

The charity ride aims to raise funds for associations for the blind in Ireland and Malaysia.

The journey started last Saturday.

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