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Marina flags off millennium rally race to China

OFF THEY GO ... Malaysian AIDS Council president Datin Paduka Marina Mahathir flagging off the fifth Silverstone 4X4 Rally of Asia - The Millennium Run - at Dataran Merdeka yesterday.

Twenty-five teams, comprising 50 participants from eight countries, are taking part in the event which would end in Jing Hong, China, on Aug 13.

During the 3,400km journey, the competitors will make stops in Sungai Petani (Kedah), Surat Thani, Cha-am, Ayutthaya, Phrae and Chaing Rai (all in Thailand), Keng Tung (Myanmar) and Mongla (China).

The race, sanctioned by the International Automobile Federation, is being held in collaboration with the Automobile Association of Malaysia, Royal Automobile Association of Thailand, Myanmar Ministry of Hotels and Tourism and Federation of Automobile Sports of the People's Republic of China.

Also present were Youth and Sports Minister Datuk Hishammuddin Tun Hussein and organising chairman Jen (Rtd) Tan Sri Zain Hashim.

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