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SYED RAZAK FLAGS OFF LANGKAWI IRONMAN RACE

LANGKAWI, Jan 27 (Bernama) -- Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed Zain flagged off the Langkawi Ironman Malaysia triathletes at Dataran Lang, here, today.

A total of 383 triathletes from 32 countries are taking part in the challenge which consists of swimming (3.8km), cycling (180.2km) and marathon (42.2km) and offers cash prizes totalling US\$50,000 and 30 slots to the world championship in Kona Islands in Hawaii.

The existing record of 8'43:54s and 9'42:32s in the professional men's and women's categories respectively were set by New Zealander Bryan Rhodes and Australian Belinda Cheney in the second edition of the championship last year.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is scheduled to present the medals to the winners this afternoon.

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