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Valentine's Day gift for Ironman

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AFTER courting Tenaga Nasional Bhd for the past three years, Ironman Langkawi Malaysia Triathlon finally got the much-awaited 'yes' on Valentine's Day yesterday.

Another windfall for the Ironman race, on Feb 23, was when Edaran Otomobil Nasional (EOM) joined in with 11 cars, while RTM signed to become their official broadcaster.

"We have been in touch with the utility giants Tenaga Nasional Bhd for the past three years and today (yesterday) we finally received their backing to make the Ironman race much stronger," said Langkawi International Marathon Sdn Bhd president Datuk Sri Ram Sarma.

Meanwhile, wheelchair-bound triathletes have also signed up for gruelling race. Randy Caddle of the United States will compete in a wheelchair in the 3.8km swim, cycle for 180km and 42.2km marathon.

The other disabled athlete is Sarawakian Mahathir Ejin Dating who will attempt to become an Ironman by finishing the race under 17 hours.