

## Johor hosting 9,300 Viper enthusiasts this weekend



Participants headed towards the obstacles after being flagged off during the Sunway Iskandar Viper Challenge Medini in last years edition of the Viper Challenge at the township of Medini.

The Viper Challenge series, widely considered Asia's biggest obstacle course running event, heads to Johor this weekend after their last outing in Penang.

The Sunway Iskandar Viper Challenge@Medini will see several new obstacles added to challenge the physical and mental fitness of the competitors.

While they had to manoeuvre in the dark at Penang's Batu Kawan Stadium, those competing in the Johor series must be up at sunrise as the first flag-off will be as early as 7am.

More than 9,000 competitors will be running, jumping, climbing, crawling and sliding towards the finish line.

"This is the second time Sunway is hosting the Viper Challenge. As a master community developer, our focus is not only in building a township but also creating a healthy lifestyle for our community," said Sunway Iskandar chief executive officer Gerard Soosay.

Sunway Iskandar Viper Challenge@Medini will cover a distance of 15km and have 18 obstacles, three more than the Batu Kawan series which comprised 15 obstacles and covered a distance of 7km.

As in the previous series, the importance of teamwork will again take centre stage as teams must work together to overcome all the obstacles and ensure no one is left behind to earn a medal and T-shirt.

“We have come up with even bigger and harder obstacles compared to the previous year,” said Original Bootcamp Sdn Bhd chief executive officer Selva Kumar, the brains behind the Viper Challenge.

“The emphasis of this event in Johor will be on pushing the boundaries,” he added.

Viper Challenge events have multiple formats. Competitors are required to complete any three of the five events, comprising entry-level (Singapore, Penang and Johor) or mid-level events (Genting Highlands, Shah Alam) before making their way to the final event, the Great Eastern Viper Challenge.

The next Viper Challenge will be held in Genting Highlands on July 15 and the Shah Alam Stadium on Sept 9.