

The car-free initiative transforms the bustling city into an oasis of calm.



Parts of Kuala Lumpur become a car-free haven every Sunday for cyclists, joggers, walkers and those who enjoy inline skating and skateboarding.

# Drawn to a car-free Kuala Lumpur

## Two-hour initiative draws crowds to take part in healthy variety of activities

EVERY Sunday morning, a few roads in the heart of Kuala Lumpur transform into a playground for city denizens.

The contrast is stark.

The roads, usually teeming with the relentless buzz of vehicular traffic, become a car-free zone from 7am to 9am, offering a refreshing change from the usual hustle and bustle of the capital.

The event sees a diverse mix of Kuala Lumpur's residents and visitors taking over the streets along landmarks such as Sultan Abdul Samad building and PETRONAS Twin Towers.

For these two hours, instead of

automotive vehicles, one sees cyclists, joggers, wheelchair users and families claim the roads and enjoy open spaces in the city.

Fitness enthusiasts, too, take advantage of the space for group exercises, adding to the event's health-conscious atmosphere.

Initially hosted to promote a healthy lifestyle and reduce carbon emissions in the city, the Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) initiative that started in 2013 has seen the addition of recreational sports, arts and cultural activities over the years, making it a unique draw for locals and tourists alike.



Group exercises are not just popular, they have become a staple activity during car-free mornings.

(Below) DBKL Horse Mounted Unit's steed and riders often draw attention in the vicinity of Dataran Merdeka and the Sultan Abdul Samad Building. — Photos: WILLIAM GARY/The Star



(Above) A resting fleet of bicycles paints a picture of serenity.

(Left) Open roads draw a variety of visitors including wheelchair users.

