

# KL Standard Chartered Marathon cancelled

**KUALA LUMPUR:** The Kuala Lumpur Standard Chartered Marathon (KLSCM) 2020 has been cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The health and safety of runners, organising crew, volunteers, medical personnel, officials and police personnel remained its top priority, said the organisers in a statement yesterday.

"We will automatically defer all individual registrations for this year to the following year.

"We plan to have KLSCM 2021 on a similar time as this year, which is the second week of June, pending confirmation from City Hall," said KLSCM project director Rainer Biemanns.

He said the organisers could not find a replacement date or venue that would be suitable for an event of that magnitude for this year's KLSCM.

"We have, therefore, decided that the only possible course of action would be to cancel this year's event.

"This was not an easy decision as we understand the significance of the amount

of time and preparation that has been put into this year's event by all parties.

"Thank you to all our runners, volunteers and fans for your support and understanding at this time."

He said all remaining Running Clinics, the Race Entry Pack Collection and the Active Lifestyle Expo for KLSCM 2020 had also been cancelled.

However, he said the Run For A Reason charity initiative would continue until May 14 and all funds raised would be disbursed to the respective charity beneficiaries.

"We implore everyone in the KLSCM family and the wider national and global community to do their respective parts in combating the coronavirus.

"We have updated our frequently-asked questions section on our website to address this."

Runners can also follow KLSCM Facebook and Instagram pages or subscribe to their newsletter for further updates.

KLSCM 2020 is expected to be held on June 13 and 14 this year.