

Rain-soaked varsity run

A thunderstorm failed to dampen the spirits of a group of enthusiastic runners who completed the MY10K Night Run 2017, which was organised for the first time at the Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) grounds.

Fearing the worst as Mother Nature wreaked havoc three hours before the race was to flag off at 8pm, the organisers managed to get the run to start at 8.30pm instead.

The 1,000 plus runners were treated to a challenging race as they negotiated the 'mini hills' along UPM's lush agricultural forests equipped with a personal headlamp.

"We faced many challenges including the collapse of our organiser's tent. The run is a unique way for UPM to promote the splen-

dour of nature at night. We hope to continue organising this run again," said organising chairman Dr Abdul Razak Abdul Rahman. He is also Kolej Tun Dr Ismail, UPM principal.

The event held on April 29, featured 10km and 15km routes and a 5km charity fun run. Part of the proceeds from the charity fun run was for the National Cancer Council Malaysia.

Asantha Kristiy won the men's 10km with a time of 44:01 while Marissa Hauser won the women's 10km category in 56:38. In the 15km, James Karanja won the men's category in 57:03 while Danielle Nant finished first in 1:17:46 in the women's category.