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The inaugural Australian Alumni Treasure Hunt

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The first ever Australian Alumni Treasure Hunt was held last Sunday 6 May 2007 and it brought together some 90 Australian graduates, their family and friends in 22 teams that competed in the event. Organised by the Australian High Commission Kuala Lumpur with support from the Malaysian Australian Alumni Council (MAAC), the hunt was flagged off from the grounds of the Australian High Commission and finished at a restaurant in Kuala Lumpur.

The first prize winner of the 15 kilometre walk-and-ride hunt around Kuala Lumpur was a team who called themselves *C'mon Aussie C'mon*, comprised of University of Western Australia graduates and their friends, who took home RM1200.00 in prize money. The second prize of RM800.00 went to team *Moomba 3* a collaboration of Victorian university alumni of La Trobe, Monash and Melbourne universities. Team *Champs* comprised of University of Melbourne alumni won the third spot and prize money of RM400.00. There were 5 consolation winners, with each team winning four bottles of premium Australian wine.

The Australian High Commissioner HE Ms Penny Williams, Deputy High Commissioner Mr Peter Doyle and Puan Sri Susan Cheah as MAAC President were at hand to give away prizes. The guest of honour for the event, Ms Zabrina Fernandez, winner of The Amazing Race Asia, also attended and graciously gave away consolation prizes.

As education is an important aspect of Australian-Malaysian bilateral relations, alumni events such as this are testimonial to the close people-people relationships fostered through Australian education and institutions. The event was also a fitting celebration of the 50th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Malaysia and Australia.

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