

Challenge for students

Ministry willing to organise, sponsor events



I.P. TOUCH... Ong striking the gong to start the record attempt.

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THE Youth and Sports Ministry has thrown students at institutions of higher learning a challenge — come up with ideas for unique sporting extra-curricular activities and it will sponsor and organise them.

Deputy Youth and Sports Minister Datuk Ong Tee Keng said students from both private and public tertiary educational institutions were welcome to come up with suggestions.

Speaking at an attempt to enter the Guinness Book World Records by "Malaysia Can", a team comprising students from Inti College Subang Jaya, Ong urged youths to come up with innovative ideas. He said the ministry was willing to support them fully because knowledge could not be gained from books alone.

There is so much students can learn and benefit from participating in institutions such as this.

The "Malaysia Can" team's attempt was to break the world record in building a free-standing

pyramid structure, comprising empty cans, in less than half an hour.

Ong commended the team for taking up the challenge and once again prove the slogan, "Malaysia Boleh".

The "Malaysia Can" team of 12 students (including two reserves) broke the record by constructing the pyramid of cans, using 30 cans by 30 cans at the base and standing 30 cans in height in 29 minutes 54 seconds.

Present to confirm the feat was Danny Ooi, managing director of Malaysia Book of Records.

The "Malaysia Can" team broke the previous world record of 27 cans by 27 cans at the base accomplished in 30 minutes by a group of students in Singapore.

Also present were Inti College Subang Jaya principal Dr Saw Sor Heoh, who said the idea to attempt the record was conceived during a regular student affairs meeting.

She said the event showed that the college strived not just for academic excellence but also encouraged students in extra-curricular activities.

The sponsors included Mid-Valley Megamall, which hosted the attempt, and F&N.



ALMOST THERE... the 'Malaysia Can' team putting the last few cans on the pyramid.