

ONE of Malaysia's largest mass-participation running events will see 33,000 participants taking to the streets of Putrajaya on July 13.

The race has drawn runners, aiming to cross the finish lines in the 5km, 10km, 21km and 42km courses, from more than 48 countries.

"Since our modest beginnings in 2014 with just 3,674 runners, Score Marathon has seen steady but exponential growth over the years," said Score Sports

Putrajaya mass running event charts 33,000 sign-ups

Management chief executive officer Patricia Tan.

"Last year, over 24,253 runners participated and this year, registrations surged to 33,000, setting a new milestone," Tan said.

AIA Vitality, the health programme by AIA Malaysia, returns as presenting sponsor for the fourth straight year.

"At AIA, we are proud to sup-

port a movement that unites runners from all walks of life," said AIA Malaysia chief marketing officer Chee Foong Wai.

"We're inspired by the spirit of this event and remain committed to supporting and championing initiatives that empower Malaysians to live healthier, longer, better lives," Wai added.

Last year, Score Marathon recycled 1,150kg of plastic,

equivalent to 46,320 plastic bottles – setting a benchmark for environmentally responsible sporting events in the region.

It also partnered with Pressio, a sportswear brand using bio-based yarns, as official apparel partner, while medals are crafted from recycled materials in collaboration with Natureloop.

Score Marathon is supported

by the Youth and Sports Ministry and certified a World Athletics Label Road Race.

This recognises the full marathon as a qualifying race for the Abbott World Marathon Majors while making its affiliation with the Association of International Marathons and Distance Races official, inducting it into an elite group of globally recognised events.