

Organisers call off events as precaution against Covid-19

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A NUMBER of social and sporting events in Perak have been postponed to curb the spread of Covid-19.

Following the announcement by World Health Organisation that the outbreak is now categorised as a pandemic, the respective organisers have chosen to be responsible by calling off the events until further notice.

At Ipoh Parade, the annually-held Shuddup N' Dance competition, which was supposed to be held on March 14 and 15, was among the events postponed.

Its spokesman said the decision was made following a Health Ministry directive.

"Ipoh Parade places the utmost priority on the health and wellbeing of all its shoppers, tenants, business partners and media personnel.



"We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your continued support and understanding, and our deepest regrets for any inconvenience caused," the spokesman said.

A spokesman from Tenaga Nasional Bhd said the Janamanjung Fellowship Ride, scheduled for March 29 at Teluk Batik in Lumut, was also called off.

"This is a precautionary measure to prevent the spread of Covid-19.

"It is also in line with our focus to prioritise the health and safety of our partici-

pants," he said.

"We want to thank our 1,500 participants who have registered with us and any inconvenience caused is regrettable.

"A new date for the event will be announced," he added.

Other events in Perak that have been postponed include Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman's International Women's Day 2020 celebration on March 18 and the World Kidney Day Fun Run at Stadium Indera Mulia on March 28.

Meanwhile, the 53rd annual reunion dinner of SMK King Edward VII Taiping which was to be held at the SSL Traders Hotel in Kamunting on April 11 has been postponed in response to the Covid-19 outbreak.

The dinner has been postponed following the directive from the Education Ministry to postpone the school's sports day. It had been the school's tradition to hold a reunion dinner on the same day.

Old Edwardian Association of Malaysia president Mohaideen Mohd Ishack said the postponement was made following an emergency meeting held by committee members at the New Club in Taiping, Perak.

He added that the association's annual general meeting, which was traditionally held the following day after the dinner, would also be postponed.

About 600 old boys from all over the country including Sabah and Sarawak as well as overseas from Singapore, Australia, India, Britain and several other countries had been expected to attend.

Mohaideen said the events would be held at a later date once the Covid-19 situation was over.

Old Edwardians can call Mohaideen at 019-578 4786 for further information.

Taiping's SMK King Edward VII, which has produced many illustrious Malaysians, is one of the oldest schools in the country.