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## **Tour de Bintan rescheduled due to haze**

The Tour de Bintan, one of Asia's leading stage races for amateur cyclists, initially scheduled to take place from November 6-8, has now been rescheduled to April 1-3, 2016.

Considering the persistent haze situation affecting Bintan and other parts of Southeast Asia, the event organizer, MetaSport, together with the Bintan government, Bintan Resorts and the other Bintan stakeholders believe that they are not in a position to guarantee a safe event beginning of November.

“We are extremely disappointed but we feel that we are making the right decision from the health and safety point of view of the cyclists”, says Pak Wahab, Group General Manager of PT Bintan Resort Cakrawala. As per Singapore’s National Environment Agency, a PSI above 100 is considered unhealthy, and prolonged or strenuous exercise should be avoided.

MetaSport’s Managing Director, Nathalie Marquet adds: “We could wait and hope that the winds turn in our favour on November 6-8, however we don’t think it is appropriate to let our cyclists down on race morning when some of them travel from Europe, Australia, Hong Kong, and other countries for the event”.

The race format on April 1-3, 2016 will remain the same with the event center-stage being the attractive Nirwana Gardens.

For the competitive cyclists, a time trial will kick off the race at Plaza Lagoi on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April, followed by the longest and most challenging stage of 150km the next day starting at Simpang Lagoi and the 3<sup>rd</sup> stage on Sunday starting and finishing at Nirwana Gardens.

While the tour attracts some of the best talents from around Asia and beyond, there are rides for the newer cyclists with a choice of three distances including single-day options of 150km or 82km respectively.

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