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Cancer survivors to paddle across channel

A GROUP of 16 breast cancer survivors will paddle across the 3.8km sea channel from Bagan Ajam in Butterworth to Penang island in a dragon boat when they participate in the Penang Channel Challenge tomorrow.

State Tourism Development, Culture, Arts and Heritage Committee chairman Danny Law Heng Kiang said the gutsy women, known as the Pink Challengers, would be creating history as the first dragon boat team of breast cancer survivors to take on the endeavour.

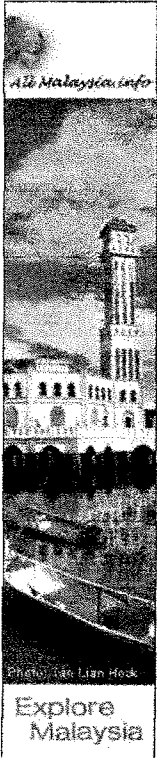
The Pink Challengers is a dragon boat team from the Breast Cancer Welfare Association (BCWA) which consists of members who are breast cancer survivors.

Law said the event, themed 'Paddle for Courage, Strength and Change,' was organised by the BCWA and supported by the Penang Tourism Committee.

"It is aimed at demonstrating to the public that early detection and timely treatment of breast cancer can save lives and reduce suffering," he added.

Team captain Wong Mee Yee said among the highlights would be the flowers-on-water ceremony where the team members would throw flowers into the sea in memory of those who had fought and lost their battle against breast cancer and those who were still fighting.

The rowers will leave Bagan Ajam at 10am and are expected to arrive at the Tanjung City Marina in Weld Quay at 10.45am.



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