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Not quite a walk in the park, but it's for charity



Let's Take A Walk had participants ranging from primary school students to seniors in their 70s. Teams in the gruelling 100km walk category had 33 hours to finish the route. PHOTO: COURTESY OF NORMAN NG

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More than 1,100 people walked for a good cause yesterday, with some taking a 100km route across Singapore. The Let's Take A Walk (LTAW) extreme endurance walking event, which kicked off at the National University of Singapore's Sports and Recreation Centre yesterday morning, had participants ranging from primary school pupils to seniors in their 70s.

The non-competitive event includes an individual 10km walk, as well as team walks of 50km and 100km. Teams need to complete the 50km walk in 14 hours and the 100km walk in 33 hours.

The route took participants to places including park connectors in western Singapore, Marina Bay, Holland Village and Mount Faber.

The ninth edition of LTAW was organised by the Raleigh Society, which helps develop youth through adventure-based activities. Half of the proceeds minus operating costs will go to the society.

The other half - about \$30,000 - will be donated to HCA Hospice Care. The society's former president, Ms Lai Sheau Wen, received home care from HCA before she died of cancer in January. The walk was held in memory of Ms Lai.

Ms Liu Xiao Xuan, 27, who works in banking, had finished 35km of the 100km walk by 8pm yesterday.

She said: "Sheau Wen was my godsister and I am determined to finish the walk for her."

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