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### TNB CONTINUES SUPPORT FOR ASIA'S TOP TOWER RUNNER

- Wai Ching aims world No. 1 spot next year

Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB) is extending its sponsorship for the world's No. 2 and Asia's No. 1 tower runner, Soh Wai Ching, for his activities in 2021.

The 26-year-old broke the Guinness World Records for the Greatest Vertical Height Stair Climbing in One Hour (Male), in an attempt at the Four Seasons Hotel in Kuala Lumpur on 18 November 2020, and TNB is the title sponsor for his record-breaking attempt. Wai Ching broke the previous record of 1.227km held by David Robles of Spain with a new mark of 1.295km.

"Attaining such a feat is an astounding accomplishment that makes Malaysians proud, and places Malaysia, again on the world map," said TNB President and Chief Executive Officer, Datuk Seri Amir Hamzah Azizan at a ceremony to honour Wai Ching at TNB HQ in Jalan Bangsar, Kuala Lumpur last Friday.

"TNB's relationship with Wai Ching dates back to 2019 and ever since, he has proudly carried the TNB flag whenever he competes around the world."

For the record, Wai Ching's notable achievements include winning the KL Tower International Towerthon Challenge 2019, Seoul Lotte World Tower Sky Run 2019 (winner), Empire State Building Run Up 2019 (second place), Taipei 101 Run Up 2019 (fourth place), as well as fourth place and being the only Asian to run in the Elite category in the La Vertical de la Tour Eiffel Tower 2019.

Amir Hamzah said as a company that embraces the culture of pushing for high performance and succeeding on merit, TNB is proud of Wai Ching's achievements. Thus, TNB is continuing its support of the athlete with RM70,000 in 2021, raising its sponsorship to a total of RM180,000.

"TNB is always proud to collaborate with outstanding sporting individuals and organisations that espouse the spirit of excellence," added Amir Hamzah.

"Our longstanding involvement with hockey in the country, for example, has seen many young individuals groomed to become gems in the country's national set-up and went on to make the country proud."

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For Wai Ching, who is also the President of Malaysia Towerrunning Association, the continuous support from TNB means the world to him, especially in his quest to be the world No. 1 tower runner.

“I have my full gratitude to TNB for their faith in me to continue making the country proud in the world of tower running.

“I would like to thank TNB for the support, especially during the last minute request to double up their sponsorship for the Guinness World Records Project. Without TNB, I can’t even qualify to do the record because of the licensing fees required.

“I have my eyes set on the world No. 1 spot next year, and TNB’s support is a perfect shot in the arm for me,” said Wai Ching.

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TNB President and Chief Executive Officer, Datuk Seri Amir Hamzah Azizan (centre) and Guinness World Record Holder for Greatest Vertical Height Stair Climbing in One Hour (Male) Soh Wai Ching holding a t-shirt signed by them during an appreciation ceremony at TNB HQ in Jalan Bangsar, on 4 December 2020.

The t-shirt was worn by Wai Ching during his successful attempt to break the record at the Four Seasons Hotel in Kuala Lumpur on 18 November 2020.

Also present were TNB Chief Corporate Officer Datuk Wira Roslan Ab Rahman (second from left), Chief People Officer Iwan Azlan Mokhtar (far right), and Malaysia Towerrunning Association Vice President Ravinder Singh (far left).