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UCI AND ASIAN CYCLING CONFEDERATION CELEBRATE THE INAUGURATION OF THE NEW UCI WCC REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT SATELLITE IN JOHOR BAHRU, MALAYSIA

Johor Bahru, Malaysia — 6th December 2025 — The Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) and the Asian Cycling Confederation (ACC) are proud to announce the official inauguration of the **UCI World Cycling Centre (WCC) Regional Development Satellite in Johor Bahru, Malaysia**, a major milestone for cycling development in Asia.

Approved by the UCI Management Committee in June 2025, the Satellite was inaugurated today in the presence of UCI President David Lappartient, ACC President, Malaysia Cycling President and UCI Vice-President Dato' Amarjit Singh Gill, Malaysia's Minister of Youth and Sports, the Honourable Hannah Yeoh and Johor Sports Minister, the Honourable Mohd Hairi bin Mad Shah.

Located in southern Malaysia on the border with Singapore, the new Satellite is anchored by two world-class facilities: the **250m indoor Johor Velodrome** and a **BMX Racing track equipped with both 5m and 8m start hills**. It now becomes the third UCI WCC Regional Development Satellite, joining those in Shuzenji (Japan) and Rwanda (Musanze, Bugesera, and Rwamagana).

The Johor Bahru Satellite will place special emphasis on **BMX Racing**, delivering talent identification initiatives, high-performance training camps, and specialised coaching and technical development programmes. Its establishment strengthens the UCI WCC global network, which also includes Continental Development Satellites in Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe, and Oceania. These centres work in close collaboration with the UCI WCC in Aigle, Switzerland, to elevate cycling performance, education, and professional standards worldwide.

Johor Bahru is no stranger to international cycling, having previously hosted the UCI Indoor Cycling World Championships in 1996 and 2015.

Statement from UCI President David Lappartient

"The inauguration of the UCI WCC Regional Development Satellite in Johor Bahru marks a particularly welcome addition to our existing network of training and education centres in Asia. Athletes and their coaching and support staff now benefit from a centre of excellence in the southeast of the continent, a region with great potential for the development of cycling, especially BMX Racing, one of our Olympic disciplines. I would like to thank all those involved in this remarkable project, and I look forward to seeing champions from this new Satellite shine in events on the UCI International Calendar."

Statement from ACC President & UCI Vice-President Dato' Amarjit Singh Gill

"The launch of the UCI World Cycling Centre Regional Development Satellite in Johor Bahru, Malaysia marks a truly transformative moment for Asian cycling. As the fourth centre in Asia following Japan, China and Korea, this new hub reflects our continent's strong commitment to excellence and long-term athlete development. Neighbouring ASEAN countries will also be able to benefit from the programmes, training pathways and capacity-building opportunities offered here. This centre will serve as an important engine for talent development and technical advancement, ensuring that Asia continues its rise on the global cycling stage. We are proud to host this milestone initiative together with the UCI and look forward to seeing new champions and future leaders emerge from Johor and across the Continent."

About ACC

The Asian Cycling Confederation (ACC) is the governing body of cycling in Asia, representing 45 member federations. Its mission is to promote, develop, and grow the sport of cycling across all disciplines in the continent, working closely with the UCI to ensure global standards and opportunities for athletes, officials, and organizers.

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