



## **PRESS STATEMENT/RELEASE**

Perbadanan Putrajaya (PPj) would like to refer to the article titled 'Disabled Man Has Wheel Power' published via Streets of New Straits Times dated 2nd September 2010.

The article states that there are potholes along the bicycle lanes and that some of its stretches are poorly lighted. PPj's inspection found that the stretch in question is not part of the actual bicycle lane but only a temporary lane/access that was used during the recent Floria 2010. The bicycle lane along the Promenade of Precinct 2 (the stretch in question) is well lighted by street lighting with 'uplighter' lights at tree-lined stretches to accentuate the garden concept of Putrajaya.

PPj takes its role as administrator of the city very seriously and safety of its inhabitants is a priority. PPj can be contacted directly on our hotline @ 03-88873000.

Thank you.

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Few Putrajaya residents are willing to cycle to work because the bicycle lanes are not shaded. — Pictures by Holim Said

## Disabled man has 'wheel power'

**PUTRAJAYA:** Unlike many who drive or take public transport to work in the administrative capital, Mohd Azizi Abu Zarin prefers to ride his bicycle.

He works at the Ministry of Agriculture and Agro-Based Industry at Wisma Tani here.

Azizi was born with congenital deformities on the fingers of his right hand. All, but the thumb, had to be removed.

But the disability did not stop the 38-year old from pursuing his childhood passion — cycling.

He could be the only person cycling to work in Putrajaya.

It's kind of ironic as he works as a driver at the Malaysia Veterinary Services Department.

Every morning, Azizi cycles 3km from his house in Precinct 8 to his workplace and another 3km in the evening to get back.

"It's easier to ride a bicycle than to drive a car or ride a motorcycle to

work as I don't have to worry about parking. Plus, I can get my regular exercise and stay fit."

Azizi started cycling to work in March.

"There was once I saw someone travelling to work on a bicycle but that was four months ago. I have not seen him since."

He said his friends had asked him why he cycled to work and he told them it was a matter of convenience.

"You do not need to think about paying road tax and there is no fuss about buying fuel or even worrying about vehicle maintenance. It is also good for the environment and helps me to stay in shape," he said.

Azizi believes that many Putrajaya folk were not keen on cycling to work as the bicycle lanes were not shaded.

"It can be hot at times and sometimes when it is raining, it is difficult to find shelter. So, when it rains, my wife sends me to work."

He said he had to be careful because there were potholes in the bicycle lanes.

"Some areas do not have lights and it can be rather dangerous. When it's dark it's hard to see the potholes," he said.

Azizi makes it a point to wear protective gear, such as a cycling helmet and padded jacket, whenever he cycles to work.

He also encourages his sons Muhammad Azfar Rifdi, 9, and Muhammad Azfar Azimi, 8, to cycle by buying each of them a BMX bicycle.

His wife also has a mountain bike. The family goes on cycling trips during the weekends.

"My kids are not allowed to cycle to their school as the vehicles in that area are always speeding."

"If only more people would cycle, the road would be safer for everyone," Azizi said, adding that he also participated in cycling tournaments.