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MALAYSIAN RAINFOREST CHALLENGE



The Malaysian Rainforest Challenge is perhaps one of the most memorable 4x4 endurance tests on the planet. This jungle adventure action event takes place annually from end November to early December. This year the Malaysian Rainforest Challenge will be held between the 5th and 14th December 2008. The route will travel from Chukai (Kemaman) through Hulu Dungun, Hulu Terengganu to Kuala Terengganu.

A ROAD THROUGH HELL
The event format is to test the driver's and co-driver's skills and ability to overcome various obstacles to the maximum. Journeying through the tropical jungle through logging tracks that can turn into formidable obstacles during the rainy season, is not for the faint hearted.

Fought out intensely over 10 days across nearly 800kms of the most rugged and unfor-

giving terrain, the Challenge takes competitors through mud, deep ruts, gullies, drenching rain, slippery uphill ascents and equally tough downhill descents, swollen and fast-flowing rivers and landslides. The route is so demanding and dangerous it sometimes takes hours to travel a single kilometre. The difficulty is compounded by the humidity, sand flies, leeches, sleepless nights, unending winch-

ing from dusk to dawn, and recovering vehicles submerged deep in tropical mud. Conquering all these and completing the entire journey is in itself, an achievement, let alone winning the various awards.

Apart from these, one has to contend with the high humidity, which drains the strength from bodies and legs already soaked with rain and sweat for long hours. One has also got to be

self-sufficient for the entire 10 days as well as able to take the hardship and beating from whatever Mother Nature throws at them.

WINNING THE MIND GAME
Loosely based on the old Camel trophy, the rainforest Challenge comprises a number of special stages, featuring extreme winching, mud crossings, stalomng through trees, rock-crawling, and a session of night 'wheel-

ing. This is not a rally event where speed is the primary factor. Accelerator and engine power do not rule supreme here. Recovery and thinking power to overcome the obstacles in the fastest time to earn maximum points makes a big difference.

First run in 1997, the Rainforest Challenge has earned a reputation as an event that tests man and machine to their limit, and beyond.



From the most challenging off-road to the most demanding on-road conditions, there is an Apollo Hawkz for them all!