

# RUN FOR LIFE



Pattaya Marathon 2018 - Hotel Baraquda Pattaya MGallery by Sofitel and Mercure Pattaya Hotel

Pattaya is widely known for its entertainment districts and attractions in Thailand, as it is only an hour drive from Thailand's Suvarnabhumi Airport and 2 hour drive from Bangkok. However, in this sin city we also host a lot of CSR initiatives and campaigns, while promoting healthy lifestyle with a series of marathon runs as well.

The management and staff of Hotel Baraquda Pattaya MGallery by Sofitel & Mercure Pattaya Hotel laced up their running shoes to take part in the annual Pattaya Marathon on Sunday, July 15th 2018. The event started at 3.00 am and went on till 8.30 am. We had 33 staff representing both the hotels that joined this amazing marathon run!

This marathon is one of Pattaya's most eagerly anticipated sporting events. It is organized by Pattaya City hall and the Tourism Authority Thailand, in efforts to highlight Pattaya as a touristic destination with much more to offer than just entertainment. The race covers all the destinations in Pattaya, as there were 4 running directions. It started from Central festival Pattaya beach at Pattaya beachfront road, went up to walking street Pattaya (biggest entertainment venue), Bali Hai pier, Phratamnuk hill (natural side) and Jomtien beach. Contestants could choose from different marathons, such as full marathon (42 km.), half marathon (21 km.), quarter marathon (10.5 km.) and fun run (3.5 km.)

This year there were over 4,000 international and local competitors that took part in this marathon event. We encouraged this initiative in the hotel and sponsored the fees and clothes for all staff who wished to participate in this fit and healthy initiative from the city.