



The Chain Reaction Project's (from left) Chong Tingling, Irene Simelliff, Rosemary Tan and Jessica Wong have been training for a week for the up to four hours each time. Spring is the women's season and they are planning to take more training by taking part in adventure races for further preparation in Cambodia and the Philippines. (P) PHOTO: IRIS SIMELLIFF

# Biking 450km to raise \$35K

All-woman team gears up to face Timor Leste's rough terrain for charity

By Irene Simelliff

With a mission to raise a team from Singapore to take part in Timor Leste's first triathlon cycling event - and raise money for the country's less fortunate too.

They will be riding at least six weeks along the Republic covering all kinds of terrain from mountain ranges to river crossings, for Cambodia's first triathlon race in 2010.

The team, initiated by President Lee Kuan Yew's Foundation, is a growing Sun-Sun team with more than 100 cyclists riding across the island.

As The Chain Reaction Project, the women aim to raise \$35,000 for Timor Leste's education, health, housing, water and sanitation facilities for the poor.

Singaporean Mountain Climb and former triathlete Singaporean president for Singapore's first triathlon race, the group's cause, with Simelliff and the team's friends and family adding another \$10,000.

The team will go to the Ministry of Sports, which will provide the license for the adventure.

The team got together on a team three weeks ago, after training through mountain and river crossings, a 100km triathlon on the island's first triathlon race in 2010.

Their mission is to encourage people to be "cavaliers for change", and team spokeswoman Chong Tingling, former triathlete, the Chain Reaction Project.

The team includes Simelliff, Tan - Ms

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## Get involved

### Volunteer for flag day

Volunteer for flag day, which provides community services to Cambodia and Thailand, is a wonderful opportunity for flag day to help raise funds to support all the programmes and services. To register as a volunteer or make a donation, call 800-0000 or e-mail [volunteer@flagday.sg](mailto:volunteer@flagday.sg).

When flag day volunteers work in two shifts - from 8am and 10am to 1pm.

### Hari Raya festivities

HEAD down for the Kampung Glam area to see in the atmosphere of the Muslim festival month of Ramadan from next Saturday to Sept 10.

As part of the activities held up for the festival, the Islamic Museum will open its doors to visitors at 10.30pm. It will be open in a room of Islamic art, as well as a room of Islamic art, as well as a room of Islamic art, as well as a room of Islamic art.

Meanwhile, the adjacent National Museum and Islamic Heritage Centre will be turned into a Muslim festival from Sept 10 to 11.

During weekend evenings, the Islamic Heritage Centre will hold two workshops on batik painting, conducted by batik master Haidar, and on batik painting, conducted by batik master Haidar.

Visitors are also invited to participate in a batik painting competition beginning on Aug 20 from 10am to 10.30pm.

Exhibitions on the evolution of batik and photos of Hari Raya celebrations in Singapore will be open to the public free of charge. Visit [www.hariyafestivalsingapore.com](http://www.hariyafestivalsingapore.com) for more details.

### Library book sale

This year's annual library book sale organized by the National Library Board will see about 400,000 used books selling at low prices.

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When Aug 22 and 23, it starts at 10am. Visit [www.nlb.gov.sg](http://www.nlb.gov.sg) for more details.