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### OUR FIRST GLOBAL REPRESENTATIVES

#### Amir Haziq Saiful Rijal, 23

This electrical and electronics engineering student from Uniten (Universiti Tenaga Nasional) first fell in love with the sport when he started building his own toy drones as a hobby. Soon, he graduated from rudimentary toys to racing breeds when he was introduced to the local circuits. With more exposure and knowledge, Amir soon began taking part in local race competitions. By 2016, he had won his first competition and came in third at the MultiGP Malaysia held in Johor. The following year, he climbed his way up the competitive ladder and took home several trophies for his efforts.

This year, Amir became the first ever Malaysian representative at the FAI World Drone Racing Championship in China, marking his first appearance in the global arena.



#### Saw Zhi Ying, 19

Her fondness and fascination for robotics and technology pulled this computer science major from Inti University into the realms of flying drones when she spotted a close friend tinkering with one. The immense satisfaction of seeing her self-built drone take flight pushed her into wondering what more she could do with it. Soon, Saw began racing drones in neighbourhood competitions for fun.

Her first official win came two years ago when she entered the 2016 CF Drones Meet-up Friendly Racing (Under-18) and Zone E-7 Amateurs (Under-18 Micro Squad). The bubbly girl admits she has much to learn in terms of the competitive sport, and hopes

that in time she'd be able to make the country proud. This year, she officially debuts as our country's first female representative in the global arena at the FAI World Drone Racing Championship in China.



#### Shah Johan, 34

This veteran was one of the pioneers in drone racing in the country. He began his foray into drone competitions more than five years ago. Back when he first started, racing drones was more of a hobby among friends than it was a competitive extreme sport. His love for racing remote control objects and building electronics eventually pushed him to the top of the league. His fascination for drone racing has not dampened even though he admits that there are much better pilots these day.

These days, he's determined to lead and train both Amir and Saw to be the best they can be in the global drone racing arena in the hope that one day, they'd be able to show that Malaysia too Boleh!

